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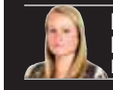
Police find Hailey's body

AMBER ALERT

Unidentified 22-year-old man still in custody



Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

RCMP called off an Amber Alert and confirmed Tuesday night the worst had happened, saying that the remains of two-year-old Hailey Dunbar-Blanchette had been found.

Hailey was reported missing Monday and later that day the body of her father, 27-year-old Terry Blanchette, had been found in his Blairmore home.

RCMP Supt. Tony Hamori said Hailey's body was found in a rural area near Blairmore during a police search Tuesday afternoon.

"Hailey's family has been notified and we extended our deepest condolences to the family for the loss of Hailey and also for the loss of Terry," he said.

"This is a sad day for the investigators, citizens of Blairmore and all of the Canadians who hoped Hailey would be found and returned unharmed."

The Amber Alert was cancelled Tuesday night. Hamori said public assistance is no longer needed in locating the white van that police had been searching for.

The 22-year-old man who was taken into custody by RCMP early Tuesday remains in custody for questioning in relation to the case.

Hamori said charges are pending and the suspect's identity will be made public after those charges have been sworn.

"The goal now is to complete the investigation into the death of Hailey and her father Terry," he said.

More information was expected at 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

Inside coverage

- Father and daughter remembered
- Timeline of events

The search for two-year-old Hailey Dunbar-Blanchette was cancelled after police found her remains Tuesday afternoon. CORETTE HARRINGTON/FACEBOOK

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St. Patrick's Island re-opens

PARK

Nenshi dubs connecting span George C. King Bridge

Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

With a history dating back to the 1890s, one of Calgary's oldest parks just became one of the newest.

The Calgary Municipal Land Corporation (CMLC) started revamping St. Patrick's Island five years ago. Now, with $45 million invested and three years of restoration, it's ready.

On Tuesday afternoon the CMLC was joined by Mayor Naheed Nenshi, councillors Gian-Carlo Carra and Druh Farrell and the organizers of Beakerhead for the grand re-opening of the 31-acre park.

Along with the re-opening, Mayor Nenshi announced that that the bridge linking the island to East Village, which opened last October, will now bear the name George C. King Bridge, in honour of Calgary's second mayor.

"The theme behind building this park is very simple: Let people touch the water," said Nenshi. "Let people respond to the river that is the reason our city exists."

To achieve this, the CLMC set to work on re-establishing a seasonal channel that existed in the 1950s, opening up a swim area that can double as a skating rink in the winter.

In addition to the seasonal breach, the redesigned park has hiking and biking trails, a plaza and amphitheatre, a playground, an elevated rise and a new public art installation called The Bloom.

After living in Calgary for her whole life, Julie Giesbrecht made her first trip to the island on Tuesday, bringing along her one-year-old daughter, Elyse. And she said after seeing Elyse running around and exploring the island, she knows she'll be back.

"When you walk into the park, it's just this total invitation to see a part of the city that I never went to before," she said. "It's unexpected, I didn't know anything about this area and it just feels revitalized and alive."

With Bee Kingdom's Beakerhead installation, Fabulist, behind them, Jeremy Giesbrecht runs down the hill with his daughter Elyse, 1. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

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> Mayor Naheed Nenshi

BRIDGE

Completed last October, the George C. King Bridge connects the west end of St. Patrick's Island to East Village and Bridgeland. It became known as the St. Patrick's Bridge, but Mayor Naheed Nenshi announced on Tuesday that it's been changed to honour Calgary's second mayor.

PHOTOS: JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

BLOOM

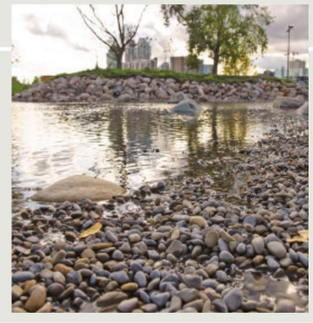
Coming in at 7.5 tonnes, the sculpture Bloom was created by Montréal artist Michel de Broin.

Using streetlights and concrete to look like a blooming flower, he hoped to create a juxtaposition of the natural island landscape next to the city streets across the water.

BREACH

The Seasonal Breach is a newly reconstructed channel that had been backfilled in the 1960s.

Newly filled with water from the Bow River, it offers up the chance for families to wade through the water without worrying about the river current.



‘It’s simply a way to make our services more accessible’

A City of Calgary mobile application may be underway to help customers buy passes to city facilities payments on the go. HELEN PIKE/METRO

TECHNOLOGY

City testing the waters for mobile payment app

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Calgarians could be saying goodbye to leisure-centre lineups as the city eyes a mobile payment solution.

Coun. Druh Farrell, who has long advocated for easier ways for Calgarians to access services, said the move is a step in the right direction for both customer satisfaction and those accessing low-income services.

The City of Calgary has put out a request for proposal looking for an experienced bidder to create an “eTicketing” solution “that will allow customers to purchase and display tickets” to be used with mobile devices.

Calgary’s city council has been looking at what Farrell described as a “one-window entry” for lower-income folks who traditionally have had to jump through hoops to prove they’re eligible for subsidies. With a mobile platform for payment on the table, Farrell thinks there’s increasing opportunity to “bring dignity” to the lower-income population while making a leap in customer service.

> **It’s the way the world is moving.**
> Coun. Druh Farrell

“It’s the way the world is moving,” said Farrell. “It’s simply a way to make our services more accessible. Anything we can do to provide better customer service,” said Farrell.

The request references both recreational city services like tickets to skating events and “monthly or annual passes.”

Currently the public is required to physically go to a leisure centre to pick up passes. Those who want to buy Calgary Transit passes can purchase online and wait about a week to see their purchase in the mail.

“The pass could be a pass for transit, a pass for leisure centres, a pass for the library; once we iron out the kinks for the system there are so many opportunities to provide convenient access to city services,” said Druh.

The proposal said the new application, which would not require swipe cards, would use mobile devices like iPhones and eliminate the need to line up at ticket windows or vending machines.

But once implemented it would be used in conjunction with “existing corporate payment methods,” not in an effort to replace the current systems in place.

EDUCATION

U of C students hope to stop being treated ‘like tenants’

The Students’ Union of the University of Calgary has stumbled on information about MacHall’s owners that they want the school to recognize.

Through some in-depth research of old documents, articles and correspondence between the university and union, president Levi Nilson said members of the SU found they should be 55-per-cent owners of the building where they are now being treated “like tenants.”

“The university disputes this,” said Nilson. “I’m making the dispute public because I think that it’s time for students and the broader community to have knowledge of this.”

Nilson said they rediscovered documents in October 2013 as the union and school prepared to rehash an agreement in time for a December 2014 deadline when the agreement in place would expire.

But this negotiation treated the union as tenants, unlike past agreements.

The so-called “lease renegotiation” has been a sticking point since then, when Metro reported issues with the negotiation process in 2013.

MacHall METRO FILE

Currently an agreement is in place until December 2015.

Revenue generated by the building is what keeps student fees low and gives the Students’ Union cash to host a number of programs on campus.

“We are a non-profit, so everything we make in terms of tenants in the building and in terms of revenue from it goes right back into student services and programs,” said Nilson.

According to the union, since the 1969 construction students have invested more than $20 million in construction, expansion and redevelopment of the student centre.

“I’m not willing to accept an agreement that doesn’t adequately recognize the substantial investment students have made,” said Nilson.

Residents gather for a candlelight vigil in Blairmore, Alta.; Top right: Blanchette with Hailey; Bottom right: Friends of the family embrace outside police headquarters while the investigation continues. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANDIAN PRESS; FACEBOOK

Blanchette described as a doting father

INVESTIGATION

Neighbour says there was always laughter in their home

A clearer picture has emerged of Terry Blanchette, the deceased father of Hailey Dunbar-Blanchette, whose body was found late Tuesday.

Blanchette, who worked as a cook in a restaurant and was described as a doting father by friends and his boss, had many criminal convictions between 2010 and 2012.

There are no court records after 2012. That's when Blanchette's Facebook posts switched from talk of court dates to pictures of him with his baby daughter.

"I'm not the bad guy for not wanting my child around drug-addicted pedophiles," said a post attributed to Blanchette on March 8, 2013.

Family friend Corette Harrington said Hailey's mother, Cheyenne Dunbar, and Blanchette amicably shared custody of their little girl. She lived with her dad full time, and Dunbar visited every few weeks from Edmonton.

Supt. Tony Hamori said Dunbar was working with investigators.

> **He was taking good care of her.**
> Angela Mathieson

"To my knowledge, she has been co-operative with the investigation," he said during the search.

"Police have been speaking with her, and obviously, at this point in time, follow-up investigation is going to be done."

Neighbour Angela Mathieson said it was clear Blanchette loved being a father: "He was taking good care of her. There was always laughing and giggling going on over there."

Hamori said police found Blanchette's body shortly before noon on Monday and it was information from neighbours that led investigators to believe Hailey was taken at around 3:30 a.m.

Blair Painter, mayor of Crowsnest Pass, said everyone in the area is feeling pain. "This is the news that nobody wanted to hear," he said. "This is going to devastate our community, and it's going to take us a long time to heal from this."

Tuesday night's vigil had started out with a group wearing yellow arm bands talking about searching the nearby woods for Hailey.

Candles and stuffed animals covered a picnic table by a playground just around the corner from the home where Hailey had lived.

A group sang a reworked version of the old spiritual "Kumbaya" — "A girl is missing, my Lord, Kumbaya ... bring her back to us, Kumbaya."

A pink sign with "Please bring our baby Hailey home safe" hung on the park's gate, a single teddy bear affixed to it.

The news swept across social media, prompting an outpouring of sadness from across the country.

"My heart is broke, can't stop crying," Cathy Hollahan posted to a Facebook page called Let's Bring Hailey Home Safe. "RIP, my darling." THE CANADIAN PRESS

TIMELINE

Sept. 14, 3:30 a.m. When police say they believe Hailey was abducted from her home.

11:12 a.m. Crowsnest Pass RCMP receive a call reporting a death at a Blairmore home. They find the body of Hailey's father, Terry Blanchette, 27.

2:14 p.m. An Amber Alert is issued. RCMP say they are then contacted by the child's mother, Cheyenne Dunbar, who does not have the child.

3:15 p.m. The Amber Alert is extended.

Sept. 15, 1 p.m. Police arrest a 22-year-old man in connection with the disappearance and death.

9:00 p.m. Police cancel the Amber Alert after finding remains. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Combating youth radicalization

EXTREMISM

Program's goal is to identify, remove any vulnerabilities

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Calgary officials are working to bridge the vulnerability gaps for Calgary youth who are headed down a path toward radical or extreme behaviour.

The program, named ReDirect, will be run through a partnership between the Calgary Police Service, Public Safety Canada, RCMP and the City of Calgary Community and Neighbourhood Services.

Insp. Mike Bossley said the goal of the program is to "identify young people who are vulnerable to radicalization and extremism, and work to change their path before it leads to violence."

Sergeant Paul Dunn, ReDirect co-ordinator, said there are already individuals involved in the program and that they help each individual by gauging what specific gaps need filling.

"We engage that individual by attempting to identify their vulnerabilities, so if they don't have a job we would get them down to the youth unemployment office, help them with resumes," he said. "Whatever their vulnerabilities are we will try to identify them and remove them from their life."

He said although radical and extreme views are not new in Calgary or society at large, we have begun to experience a "greater consciousness" towards them.

"Political events that are happening in the Middle East have led to a number of individuals pursuing extremism and leaving Canada and committing offences here in Canada, as well. What has changed is our social awareness," he said.

Dr. Sajjan Gohel, director of international security for the Asia- Pacific Foundation Intelligence and Security Think-Tank, said the biggest threat with radicalization today is groups like ISIL controlling the narrative and directing content through new media platforms.

"They understand new media far better than anyone else does; it's become their oxygen of publicity," he said. "It gives them a very powerful platform in indoctrinating and grooming people online and we don't have an affective counter-strategy or narrative."

Gohel said the goal they've established with ReDirect to combat this problem is "to prevent."

"It's a whole of society approach," he said. "It's about all the different branches working together."

Gohel said it is about looking at the unconventional, "who are your children communicating with online?"

He said parents need to be vigilant of what their kids are accessing online and if they are speaking with strangers pushing a radical agenda.

If you know someone who could benefit from the ReDirect program, call 403-428-8200 or email redirect@calgarypolice.ca.

Members of the ReDirect team will work with youth to change their path before they become radicalized. LUCIE EDWARDSON/METRO

FACTORS

According to ReDirect, radicalization or extremism occurs when a person or group:

- Attempts to generate political or societal change by using or supporting the use of violence.
- Does not adhere to fundamental and lawful democratic principles.
- Is not limited to any specific demographic, community or cultural group.

ReDirect says extremism can occur across a number of ideological motivations and causes.

Osman Mohamed of Edmonton COURTESY CALGARY POLICE SERVICE

INVESTIGATION

'Person of interest' sought in slaying

Calgary police are renewing their plea for public assistance in finding a "person of interest" and vehicle in the investigation of the killing of Kallen Brianne Carothers.

Detective Mike Cavilla said police were called to 16 Avenue NW last Wednesday around 11:15 p.m., after reports of gunshots. They found a car in the eastbound south curb lane with Carothers inside suffering from serious, life-threatening injuries. She died later in hospital.

According to Cavilla, police believe Osman Mohamed of Edmonton may have been inside of the vehicle where Carothers was shot. He's described as a black man, five-foot-10, with a "slim build," brown eyes and black hair.

Cavilla said police believe Mohamed sustained gunshot wounds during the incident.

He said they believe the attack was targeted and have no indication that it's gang related.

A vehicle also believed to be connected to the murder was described as a dark blue, two-door Toyota Yaris with tinted windows.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Homicide Unit Tip Line at 403-428-8877.

LUCIE EDWARDSON/METRO

IN BRIEF

Police asking Good Samaritan to step forward in sexual assault case

Calgary police are asking for a Good Samaritan who they think may have information about a sexual assault to come forward to help with their investigation.

Police said the assault took place Monday evening when the victim was driven out to the southern edge of the city where she was sexually assaulted and then left at the location alone.

Police said the victim flagged down a passing driver, who picked her up and drove her to a Winks convenience store in south Calgary where she called for help.

Police said they'd like to speak with the man who drove the victim back into the city. Police said he is not a suspect, but someone police believe might have valuable information that could be "critical to the investigation."

The driver is described as a Caucasian man, with brown hair and a thin beard. He was wearing a white or grey shirt, glasses, orange shorts and brown shoes. METRO

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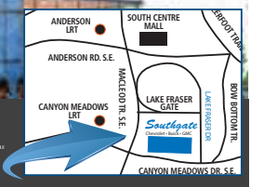

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School board rolls out changes to its bus stops

TRANSPORTATION

But one parent finds new spot further away than before

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

The Calgary Board of Education's chief superintendent has apologized for school bus stop changes that were not clearly communicated to parents, and said at Tuesday's board meeting that changes to the bus stops are already rolling out.

But for one Calgary parent, when her stop is changed on Wednesday, it will actually be further from her than it currently is.

Tiffany Starecki has had to travel by Calgary Transit to reach her son's school bus stop for the past few years, a journey that takes about two hours to drop her son off and return home.

But because Calgary Transit and school bus schedules don't always align, she and her son have often been trapped outside in the cold weather.

"This is us in sometimes minus-30 weather, where my son is crying because he's cold. I have to give my jacket to him, just so he could stay warm," she said.

This year, she discovered that taking a route through the Tuscany CTrain station actually allows them to wait inside the station for the bus. It worked for a few weeks.

It's instances such as this that prompted an apology from the CBE's chief superintendent Tuesday.

"I know that past few weeks have been difficult for our parents and trustees. I take full responsibility for the fact that communications, regarding travel distances, were not clear and complete," said chief Supt. David Stevenson.

"I am sorry."

> **I don't care how early you have to pick him up. At least we won't have to wait in the cold and hear him crying because it's too cold.**
> Tiffany Starecki

But now, for Starecki, not only will the school bus arrive earlier to the station, but the stop has also been moved further away.

Starecki's son attends an alternative schooling program. Some families of kids who attend alternative programs have reported walking distances of more than two kilometres to reach their new congregated bus stops.

The congregated bus stops were meant to reduce costs and ride times.

After hearing complains since the start of this school year, the CBE has starting changing bus stop routes and location to accommodate these kids, and hopes to have all the changes in place by mid-October.

"Now I have to put my son through another extremely cold winter, and now, I'm really ticked off," Starecki said. "I've been calling them, asking them, frequently, to please, change the bus stop. I don't care if it's not right in front of my house, I get it, you got to pick up other kids. I don't care how early you have to pick him up. At least we won't have to wait in the cold and hear him crying because it's too cold."

After years of waiting in the cold for the bus, Tiffany Starecki finally found a bus stop that allowed her kids to keep warm, despite the long distance. But now, even that bus route won't work any more. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

TRANSPORTATION

Trustees request a report

Did the Calgary Board of Education break policy with their lack of communication with parents when they reduced the number of school bus stops this school year?

That's what the board of trustees is hoping to answer with a monitoring report they've requested for their Oct. 6 meeting.

The motion didn't have the full support of the board, but it did have the support of parent Matt Gray, whose children now have to walk three kilometres to reach their congregated bus stop.

"I think there's a broad consensus across that board that if they had asked the questions, they would have had an indication of what went wrong," said Gray. "I think the thing you don't need consultation about, and I think that was clear for everybody, is that you don't give parents three days notice about such massive changes and a reduction of service."

Some of the trustees felt the report was unnecessary, given they would be receiving an overall monitoring report in October. Trina Hurdman, the trustee who put forward the motion, said this information may not be included.

"When we are faced with public criticism, and over the past two weeks we've been faced with a lot of public criticism around transportation, the best way to address criticism is through a monitoring of policy," she said.

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Faster treatment for women with addiction

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Two-week program will address drugs, mental health

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

A.M. struggled with prescription drug dependency for three years. New, short group therapy from Recovery Acres could help her stay clean — though she says she's not ready yet.
JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

She's been battling her addiction to narcotics for the last three years, but isn't ready to seek treatment, fearing she'll lose her kids.

A.M. — who requested to have her name withheld — is among many women in Calgary who are addicted to prescription drugs, but are too afraid to seek help and too busy for three-month group therapy sessions, according to Melissa Molloy, who's with program development at the Recovery Acres Society's 1835 House.

As a result, the clinic plans to roll out the Women's Co-occurring Disorder Outpatient Program to treat women who suffer from mental illness and substance abuse.

> **I believe it will provide a needed service to women ... who simply can't exit life for 30-45 days. It's critical we do this.**
> Dr. John Streukens, psychologist

The program will be the first of its kind in the city, where both psychology and substance-abuse specialists will be readily available to patients, said Dr. John Streukens, a psychologist who helped the society develop its two-week intensive treatment program.

The program will see women cycle in and out of a group of 15, where those who've been in the program longer can act as mentors to those entering it, Streukens said.

"I believe it will provide a needed service to women suffering from co-occurring issues who simply can't exit life for 30 to 45 days," he said. "It's critical we do this."

A.M. would be an ideal candidate for the program, but admits she isn't willing to participate yet. She has lost her trust in the system, after a counsellor at a different recovery clinic told her she might lose her kids if they found out she was using drugs in front of them, she said.

"Nobody needs to tell an addict how terrible they've been," she said, wiping a tear from her face. "Even though I'm not using drugs now, I look at my kids now and think every day what a sh--y mom I am."

She said she won't touch the drugs again — she doesn't want to lose her kids and family.

"I think it's by the grace of God I'm still alive with the amount of medication I was taking," she said. "What good would I be to my kids now if I was dead?"

The program is expected to roll out by the end of this year.

PROVINCE

Partisan NDP job ads have not been taken down: MLA

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Partisan job ads that triggered a review of the New Democratic Party's hiring practices have not been pulled down, despite the government's assurances otherwise, according to one Conservative MLA.

Progressive Conservative MLA Richard Starke said a report released by the legislature's clerk Tuesday is correct to note that ads for jobs in the NDP government's constituency offices had partisan language.

But, he said, the problematic ads haven't been taken down.

"They did nothing to pull them down from Facebook sites and other places they are posted," Starke said. "Several of these ads are still up on the sites even today."

Legislature Clerk W.J. David McNeil conducted a review of the government's hiring after Starke complained about the advertisements.

For example, the advertisements indicated constituency assistants would work with caucus staff and resumés were to be sent to Brian Stokes, who was then a member of the premier's transition team.

McNeil's report notes the job ads did cross partisan lines. But he also notes that when the problem was brought to the NDP's attention, new advertising was drafted and cleared by the legislative assembly office.

Starke, however, said the old ads haven't been removed and the new ads are nowhere to be found.

Metro scanned several MLA Facebook pages, and found the advertisements with the problematic language were still up in some cases. Metro found no cases where new, non-partisan advertisements were posted.

Starke said he's concerned the party told McNeil they had corrected the problem, if that wasn't the case.

He intends to meet with the PC caucus to determine what to do next, he said.

SEARCH

Teen lost in Yoho Park believed dead

A Parks Canada spokeswoman says the search for a missing man from Alberta in Yoho National Park is now a recovery effort.

The 19-year-old man from Calgary is believed to have been swept over Twin Falls while climbing along the waterway in the park.

Parks Canada's Tania Peters says a park safety team has been deployed, and a helicopter is conducting an aerial search of the water down from the falls.

Peters says they're looking for any clues that may indicate the man fell in the water and are checking along the shoreline.

The RCMP responded to a report that the unnamed man was swept over the waterfall on Sunday afternoon.

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PROJECT

Art duo wants you to see hard work that goes into the craft

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

They sat across from each other in Grade 4 and, although Mark Limacher doesn't entirely remember that, he and Brianna Strong are again sitting across from each other at the Ledge Gallery in Arts Commons.

Limacher and Strong are working on a project called Encuentro, a testament to the many hours it takes to create a piece of work.

In the studio, sheets of drawings, musical notes and penned ideas lie scattered across the floor and the artistic duo's shared desk. But that's what the project is all about.

The discussions and processes surrounding the creation of art become the focal point, meaning the final product is irrelevant, said Strong.

Mark Limacher and Brianna Strong chronicle the labours of their work through their project, Encuentro, at the Ledge Gallery at Arts Commons. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

She and Limacher are continually working together. He, at some points, will compose songs based on her drawings.

"What makes this accessible is that these drawings have elements of movement," Strong explained. "So, all of a sudden, (the drawings) are accessible to music because music is time-based."

The end product won't have an author to call it their own, as anyone can come up to the gallery to engage with the artists, said Limacher.

"So by having all this work physically going on, we're challenging the idea that a single object is (owned by one person)," he said. "The object wouldn't be mine or yours because it belongs to no one in particular; the object itself then becomes less interesting in a way."

> **"It's cool to see he's applying the same vocabulary that's so harmonious to mine."**
>
> Brianna Strong on project partner Mark Limacher

The duo has yet to figure out what the creation will turn into, but Strong said she feels they've been on the same wavelength.

"How (Limacher) talks about composing is the same way I discuss my practice," Strong said. "It's cool to see he's applying the same vocabulary that's so harmonious to mine."

An artists reception will be held at the Ledge Gallery at Arts Commons on Nov. 19, and the duo will be creating until Nov. 27.

CRIME

Alberta man pleads guilty to sex crimes against boys, possessing child porn

A southern Alberta man who was a teacher at an elementary school has pleaded guilty to sex-related charges against boys.

Jamey Kristian, 39, admitted in Lethbridge court Tuesday that he committed sexual assault, voyeurism, possessing and making child pornography, sexual touching and sexual interference.

Greg White, Kristian's lawyer, read a statement outside court for his client. "He says that I am very sorry for my actions," he said. "I take full responsibility for my actions and I know that I will be going to jail."

Kristian was accused of sexually assaulting a nine-year-old boy during the summer of 2013 and a second boy between June 2008 and July 2012. He also made about 70 videos of young boys in change rooms at two swimming pools in the city without the children's knowledge.

A sentencing date is to be set Oct. 9.

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Alberta Health Minister Sarah Hoffman said the number of publicly supported births by midwives will increase to approximately 2,774 this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

$1.8M on the way for midwives

HEALTH

Province says currently 700 women on wait list for care

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

The Alberta government is spending an additional $1.8 million to have up to 400 more midwife-supported births for this fiscal year.

Health Minister Sarah Hoffman made the announcement Tuesday at a news conference.

"It's vital that we have more choice for women," she said. "We are working to ensure that ... moms have options to support their babies being delivered safely."

Currently 700 women are on a wait list to see care from midwives, Hoffman said, adding demand has exceeded the province's supply of workers.

94

There are currently 94 midwives practising in the province, an increase of 163 per cent in the last five years.

She said women on wait lists can expect to see more midwifery care "very soon," but did not provide a specific time.

A supply of new graduates will help alleviate the glut of women on the wait list, said Nicole Matheseon president of the Alberta Association of Midwives (AAM).

There will also be ongoing discussions when AAM meets with the government this fall, Matheseon said.

"(This announcement) empowers women in significant ways," said Shannon Phillips, minister responsible for the status of women. "We know there is high demand for midwifery care in our province."

Of the eight graduates that completed the midwifery program at Mount Royal University since its inception, only five are currently practicing in the province, Hoffman said.

"We may be able to access funding to bring graduates back to Alberta," she said. "I'm sure some would be happy to come back."

She said she doesn't know the exact number of communities that need midwives, but said the government will talk with Alberta Health Services (AHS) to determine which communities need workers. After this year, funding for future years of midwife service will come through operational budgets, Hoffman said.

Midwifery services are currently funded by AHS through a course-of-care model, which includes pre- and post-natal care, labour and birth support.

The number of publicly supported births by midwives will increase to approximately 2,774 this year, Hoffman said.

EDUCATION

Some teachers not in support of SLA pilot

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

More Alberta students will be participating in the Student Learning Assessment pilot program this year, despite some teachers saying they're not the best option.

The SLAs replace the current Provincial Achievement Tests for Grade 3 students. Metro has learned 61 schools will participate in the second year of the SLA pilot. The Minister of Education had made the decision optional for school boards in Alberta after consulting with education partners.

Rocky View Schools didn't participate in the program last year, but have opted-in this year, but the local teachers' association said they disagree with the decision.

"Everyone in education knows right now that there's concerns and issues with these SLAs, so to go forward with them at this point in time is a concern to us," said Rocky View ATA 35 president Michelle Glavine.

"Not only do we have really long tests — hours of process for beginning Grade 3 students — technology issues creep up and cause a lot of problems."

Those technology issues involve students not being able to log in during tests, which must be written at specific times.

Dave Morris, associate superintendent of learning with Rocky View Schools, said they have school-assigned IT people ready to work with schools to minimize technology issues.

Glavine also expressed concern that the tests will increase the stress load on students, take time away from other learning and present an overwhelming number of hours spent by teachers to mark the exams.

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Harper riding high on surprise surplus

ELECTION 2015

But campaign stumbles over another Tory behaving badly

Stephen Harper was hanging 10 on the crest of a surprise budget surplus Tuesday, showing off his fiscal bona fides as the federal election campaign prepared to convene in Calgary to debate the state of the Canadian economy.

But it wasn't all smooth surfing for the Conservatives: yet another would-be Tory MP took a tumble over inappropriate comments on social media.

Newfoundland and Labrador candidate Blair Dale was dropped over Facebook comments that were "incompatible with our party," said a spokesman.

Dale is the sixth Conservative to be shown the door since the campaign began Aug. 2.

Harper had a little spring in his step in Vancouver as he boasted about Finance Department numbers that show a $1.9-billion surplus in 2014-15 where once there was a predicted $2-billion shortfall.

Back on one of his favourite talking points, the prime minister mocked the fiscal-management chops of both Rachel Notley, Alberta's new NDP premier, and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau.

Trudeau has criticized the surplus as the product of failing to spend adequately on vulnerable Canadians — an accusation the Conservatives deny.

The surplus was achieved in part by departments underspending their budgets by $8.7 billion — a tactic known as lapsed funding and one deplored by critics as spending cuts by stealth. The Conservatives had budgeted for $7.2 billion in lapsed funding but wound up with $1.5 billion more than anticipated.

Trudeau was in a contested southwestern Ontario riding Tuesday to promise $750 million for skilled-trades funding.

"You've seen your personal debt rising as your job prospects sink. You want to seek out better opportunities but you can't access the training you need," Trudeau told supporters and apprentices at a local plumbers' and pipefitters' union.

"Stephen Harper doesn't know what that's like. When he was first elected, Windows 95 was still two years away … (and) the cutting-edge way to apply for a job was to send in your resumé by fax."

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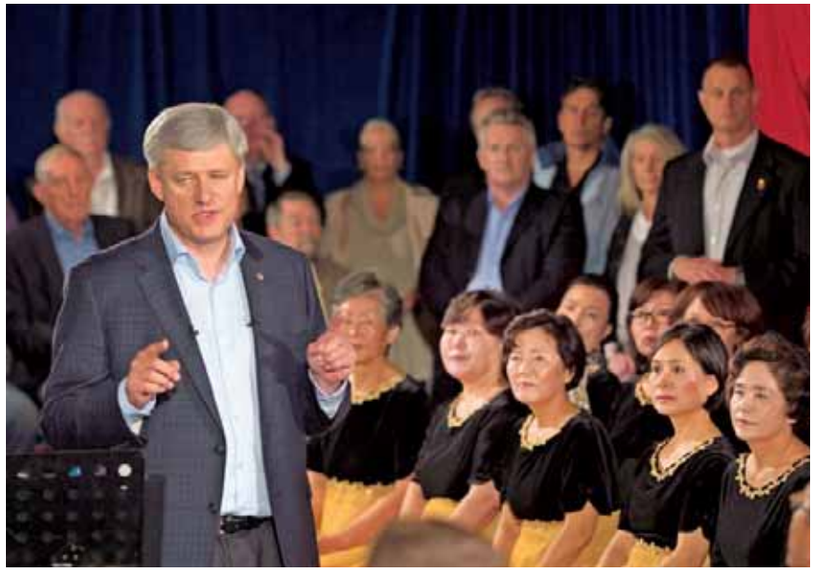

Conservative Leader Stephen Harper speaks to supporters during a campaign stop in North Vancouver, Tuesday. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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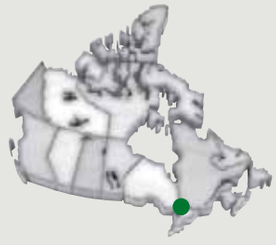

- **Stephen Harper** has no public events.
- **Justin Trudeau's** itinerary was unavailable.
- **Tom Mulcair** has no public events.
- **Elizabeth May** will be in Guelph, Ont.

ELECTION 2015

May a-twitter over debate exclusion

Elizabeth May is not letting the lack of an invitation keep her out of Thursday's election debate on the economy.

The Green party leader plans to muscle her way into the conversation — at least online — with the help of Twitter.

The party is teaming up with the social-media company to swiftly film and tweet May's video responses to statements by the three invited leaders.

The Globe and Mail newspaper has asked Conservative Leader Stephen Harper, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau to discuss economic issues Thursday evening at Calgary's Stampede Park.

May and her team will be hunkered down in a Victoria church with Twitter's Steve Ladurantaye, creating a steady stream of video remarks, retorts and reality checks.

The exclusion led Twitter's Ladurantaye — a former Globe and Mail reporter, as it happens — to suggest a parallel digital debate, an approach he took in Britain last March with the Scottish National Party.

"You don't need to wait to be invited to something anymore. If you want to be part of it, you can be part of it," Ladurantaye said.

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> **You don't need to wait to be invited to something anymore.**
> Steve Ladurantaye

INFLUENCE PEDDLING

Ruling delayed in trial of PM's ex-aide

A judge has reserved her decision in the case of Bruce Carson, a former top aide to the prime minister who is charged with influence peddling. Ontario Superior Court Justice Bonnie Warkentin told the court she will announce Oct. 2 when she plans to release her ruling.

Crown prosecutor Jason Nicol said he expected the decision to be brought down anywhere from a few days after that procedural hearing to the beginning of November.

As his two-day hearing wrapped up Tuesday, Carson's lawyer said his client worked in 2010 and 2011 to help an Ottawa company sell water-treatment systems for First Nations communities.

"There's no question about that," Patrick McCann said.

But nothing in the Criminal Code prevented Carson from doing that, said McCann. He stressed that his client was lobbying First Nations communities, not the federal government, to purchase water-purification equipment from a firm known as H2O Pros and H2O Global, where his girlfriend at the time, a former escort, was employed.

Carson was a senior adviser to the prime minister from the time the Conservatives first took office in 2006 until he left the post in 2008.

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Controllers raise alarm

SAFETY

FAA didn't react quickly enough to air traffic issues

Five air traffic controllers have exposed a problem that is putting planes at risk of colliding or causing accidents due to wake turbulence, a federal whistleblower protection office said Tuesday.

The problem occurs when pilots, air traffic control centres or airline dispatchers try to make changes to a flight plan by creating a second plan for the same flight, according to letters sent to the White House and Congress by the Office of Special Counsel, an independent agency.

The computers that controllers use don't automatically take note when multiple flight plans have been filed and notify controllers, the letters said. This can result in a controller clearing a flight for departure based on an outdated plan, and the pilots flying a route not anticipated or planned for by the controller.

To try to catch the problem, controllers have to review flights plans, call pilots and search through paper printouts that are passed from controller to controller to track a plane's progress from taxing to takeoff. Then they compare the information on the strips of paper to data displayed on computers.

The Federal Aviation Administration confirmed the problem in December 2014 and revived a working group to address the matter, the counsel's office said in a statement.

But an audit earlier this year confirms that the group had little impact and problem still remains, the counsel's office said.

> **"The whistleblowers in Detroit deserve our deep gratitude.**
> Special Counsel Carolyn Lerner

The controllers who blew the whistle on the problem work at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport in Romulus, Mich. But the problem affects air traffic nationwide.

"The whistleblowers in Detroit deserve our deep gratitude," Special Counsel Carolyn Lerner said. "While more work needs to be done, their actions reignited efforts to address the problems."

In 2012, the FAA created a working group to address the problem of multiple flight plans. However, the counsel's office said FAA officials have acknowledged the group "had little impact." The agency also told the counsel's office that senior officials either were not aware of, or did not perceive, the significance of the problem.

Vincent Sugent, one of the controllers who reported the problem to the counsel's office, said controllers have been complaining to FAA officials about the problem for about seven or eight years. The National Air Traffic Controllers Association also raised the problem with the agency, he said.

"They (FAA officials) admitted the problem multiple times," he said in an interview. "But they were just really slow. They weren't acting quickly enough."

Just recently, controllers in Detroit cleared a small airliner for takeoff using a flight plan that said the plane was to head west, Sugent said. It wasn't until after takeoff that controllers discovered a second flight plan had been filed by the airline's dispatchers calling for the plane to head east, which is the direction pilots took, he said.

Incidents like that typically happen once or twice a week in Detroit, and there have been similar incidents reported at other airports, he said.

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Jets sit on the tarmac in front of the control tower at Detroit Metropolitan airport in Romulus, Mich. The office that protects U.S. government whistleblowers says air traffic controllers have exposed a problem that increases the risk of planes colliding or flying dangerously close together. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

CLIMATE CHANGE

No recovery of Artic sea ice levels

Summer Arctic sea ice shrank to its fourth lowest level on record this month, dispelling faint hopes of a recovery, U.S. scientists said.

The National Snow and Ice Data Center announced Tuesday that the Arctic hit its summer minimum last week with 1.7 million square miles (4.4 million square kilometres) of sea ice, down 240,000 square miles (621.6 million square kilometres) from 2014.

"The ice is decreasing over time, which you would expect because the Arctic is warming," data centre scientist Julienne Stroeve said.

Summer minimum sea ice has shrunk since satellites started measuring in 1979. It reached a peak of 2.91 million square miles (7.5 million square kilometres) in 1980 and hit an all-time low of 1.3 million square miles (3.3 million square kilometres) in 2012. It went back up to 1.95 square miles (5 million square kilometres) in 2013 and hovered near there in 2014.

Variations in weather mean sea ice levels drift a bit year to year, but Stroeve said there's a long-term trend that is best seen when looking at averages of five years or more.

38%

Sea ice levels have decreased 38 per cent since the late 1970s based on five-year averages. METRO

The five years between 1979 and 1983 averaged 2.76 million square miles (7.15 million square kilometres) during the summer minimum. The last five years average 1.72 million square miles (4.45 million square kilometres), a decrease of 38 per cent.

That means there's no recovery in Arctic sea ice, despite claims of some climate change doubters, said Stroeve and Pennsylvania State University climate scientist Michael Mann, who wasn't part of the government measurement team.

The world overall so far this year is easily the hottest it has been in more than a century of record keeping, according to NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. However, the El Nino that has been helping push temperatures even warmer isn't having as much an effect up north, which is farther away from the tropical Pacific Ocean, Stroeve said. It has been hot, but not near record breaking in the Arctic this summer.

With human-caused warming continuing, computer simulations show on average that around the year 2040, sea ice will disappear from the Arctic during some summers, Stroeve said.

"We remain on a trajectory that is actually ahead of model predictions," Mann said. "Arctic sea ice is one of several aspects of climate change that is happening even faster than originally predicted."

Sea ice in Antarctica, which had been at record high levels in recent years, is about average, Stroeve said.

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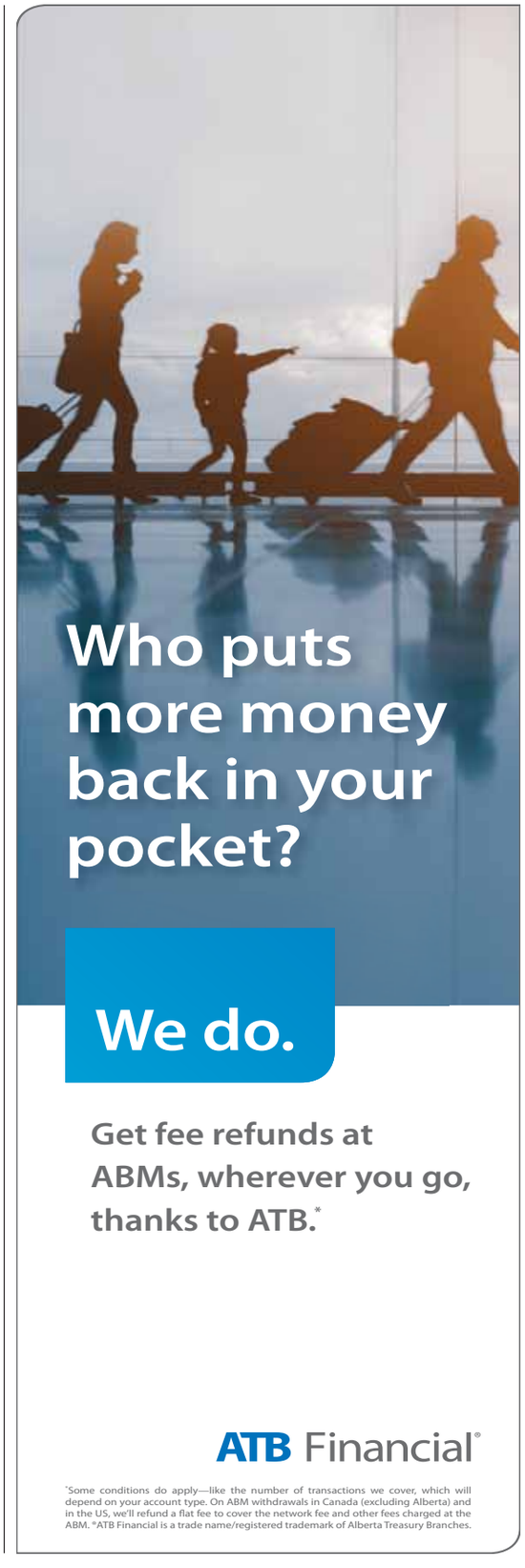
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CF0649BL	2012 HONDA CIVIC COUPE	67,556	$12,900	$104
CF0698A	2012 TOYOTA COROLLA	64,000	$12,974	$104
CF0651A	2012 HONDA CIVIC COUPE	37,390	$13,490	$108
15T491A	2013 DODGE DART	33,000	$16,995	$118
B5195	2015 CHRYSLER 200 LX	3,000	$17,990	$113
B6330	2012 HONDA ACCORD EX-L	83,190	$22,500	$177
P10032	2013 VW BEETLE TDi	18,600	$23,900	$165
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T20974	2012 F150 XLT CREW	117,735	$23,990	$189
F-1954A	2011 RAM 1500 LARAMIE	62,251	$24,988	$195
15T525A	2011 RAM 1500 B'HORN CREW	91,000	$25,990	$203
4502A	2013 F150 XLT CREW	59,800	$27,990	$193
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15T471A	2013 RAM 1500 SLT Q/CAB	38,000	$30,990	$213
T21150	2011 F150 FX4 CREW	82,716	$30,990	$241
15T566A	2012 RAM 1500 SPORT CREW	42,000	$32,990	$257
F-2102A	2012 F150 LARIAT CREW	76,102	$32,990	$257
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B82413	2013 F150 LARIAT CREW	84,738	$34,490	$236
15T479A	2012 RAM 1500 L'HORN CREW	61,000	$34,990	$272
B82312A	2013 F150 FX4 CREW	70,300	$36,990	$254
FK-159A	2014 F150 FX4 CREW	41,301	$39,990	$274
F-2000A	2014 F150 LARIAT CREW	37,000	$39,990	$274
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G-44A	2014 F450	64,153	$58,488	$398

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15J630A	2014 JEEP PATRIOT
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F-1371A	2013 FORD EDGE
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PF00031	2012 HONDA PILO
W10123	2012 HONDA PILO
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B5288	2011 JEEP GR. CHEROK
T21142	2013 FORD EXPLOR
15J389A	2014 JEEP CHEROK
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15T431	2010 GR. CARAVAN CVP	91,000	$10,900	$102
SF0382A	2010 DODGE JOURNEY SE	55,740	$12,000	$112
54712	2010 GR. CARAVAN	77,717	$12,999	$121
B5167	2012 GR. CARAVAN SXT	112,000	$14,990	$119
15T408A	2014 DODGE JOURNEY CVP	12,500	$17,990	$125
B5201	2014 GR. CARAVAN SXT	48,000	$19,990	$138
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B82311A	2012 DODGE JOURNEY R/T	90,100	$19,990	$157
B5196	2011 DODGE JOURNEY R/T	58,000	$19,900	$157
15T141A	2012 DODGE JOURNEY R/T	42,000	$21,990	$172
15082	2014 FORD ECONOLINE	11,445	$24,568	$169
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Hungary declares state of emergency

EUROPEAN CRISIS

Migrants detained as border with Serbia sealed

Declaring a state of emergency, Hungary sealed off its southern border with Serbia on Tuesday and detained those trying to enter illegally, aiming to shut down the flow of migrants pouring in. Chaos ensued at the border, as hundreds of migrants piled up in a no man's land, and Serbian officials reacted with outrage.

Stuck for an unknown amount of time on a strip of road between the two countries' checkpoints, those fleeing violence in their homelands pitched tents and settled in. But frustrations were on the rise. As a police helicopter hovered above, migrants chanted "Open the border!" and shouted insults at Hungarian riot police. Some refused food and water in protest.

With a razor-wire fence completed along the Serbian border, Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto said Hungary now also plans to extend the fence for "a reasonable distance" along its border with Romania. Both Serbian and Romanian governments decried Hungary's moves.

"Raising a fence between two EU member states who are strategic partners is not a fair gesture from a political point of view, according to the European spirit," Romania's Foreign Ministry said.

Serbia's foreign minister declared it was "unacceptable" that migrants were being sent back from Hungary while more and more were arriving from Macedonia and Greece.

"(Serbia) wants to be part of the solution, not collateral damage. There will have to be talks in the coming days with Brussels and other countries," Ivica Dacic said in Prague.

The turmoil at the Hungarian-Serbian border came a day after the 28-nation bloc failed to come up with a united immigration policy at a contentious meeting in Brussels. The ministers did agree to share responsibility for 40,000 people seeking refuge in overwhelmed Italy and Greece and spoke hopefully of reaching an eventual deal — next month or by the end of the year — on which EU nations would take 120,000 more refugees, including some from Hungary.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Austria called Tuesday for a special European Union summit next week to discuss the continent's immigration crisis.

Hungary, however, was not pinning its hopes on any action soon from Brussels or its neighbours. Tuesday's state of emergency in two southern regions gave authorities greater powers to deal with the crisis, allowing them to shut down roads and speed up asylum court cases.

In the last few months, Hungary has become a major bottleneck and entry point into the European Union for migrants, many of them war refugees from Syria and elsewhere in the Middle East. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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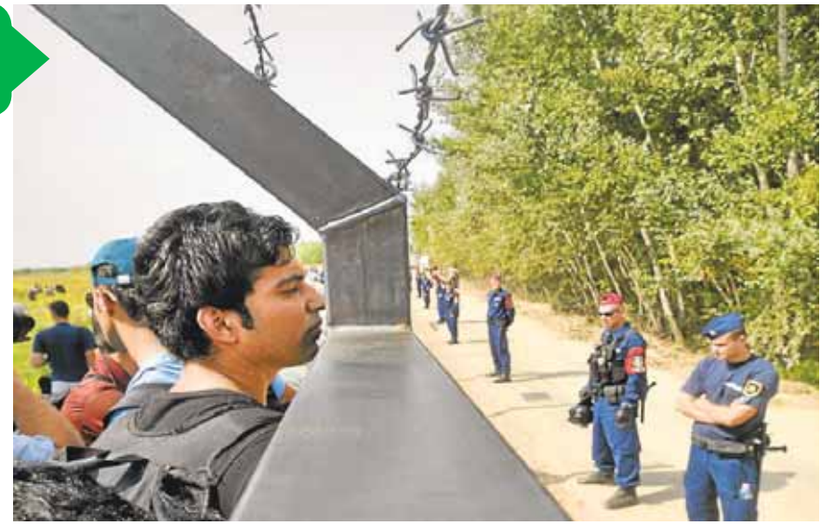

People look through a border fence between Serbia and Hungary, Tuesday. Serbian and Romanian governments have decried Hungary's actions. ZOLTAN MATHE/MTI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EXODUS

Concerns raised over whether militants among border-crossers

When the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant lost control of a key crossroads town in northern Syria in June, some militants shed their jihadi garb and blended in with the flood of Syrians fleeing across the Turkish border.

Since then, the exodus of Syrians and Iraqis toward Europe has surged — and Europeans opposed to taking in more refugees say that more than ever, they fear "disguised terrorists" in their midst.

Governments along the route have different assessments of the threat. Two senior Iraqi officials and a Syrian activist say a small group of hardened ISIL extremists is believed to have left the war zones of Iraq and Syria to blend in with the masses of asylum seekers in recent weeks.

Intelligence officials in France and Germany expressed skepticism, saying they have no specific evidence. The Soufan Group, a security consulting firm, said Monday that some infiltration was probable but the extent of the danger was unknowable, making it "susceptible to exaggeration and exploitation."

The disarray of Europe's asylum procedures in the face of thousands of applications has heightened worries, although security experts say Europe is at far greater risk from homegrown ISIL sympathizers with valid European travel documents and the means to plan an attack.

Leaders of countries opposed to taking in the refugees routinely cite the fear as one of their primary reasons. The concerns are fanned by lines of exhausted refugees, bedraggled families walking northward along railroad tracks, and trains carrying refugees between countries with minimal or no identity checks, straining a system already near the breaking point.

U.S. intelligence officials are worried that Europe's disorganized response will allow terrorists to circumvent checks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CRITICISM

Marc Trevidic, until recently a top French terrorism judge, criticized a group of French mayors who said they would give priority to Christian refugees because of fears of "disguised terrorists."

"Because there is a risk that a few people among the migrants may be from (ISIL), we should do nothing? That's the talk of those who do not want to accept migrants, but it's a little too simplistic," he said last week. "They have absolutely no need of that to send people. There are enough French, Belgians who have passports or identity cards that can return to carry out attacks." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Members of the Mojave County search and rescue team use dogs to search for bodies after a flash flood on Tuesday.
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At least 12 die in flash flood

UTAH-ARIZONA

Community served as home base for sect leader

A wall of water swept away two vehicles carrying women and children in a Utah-Arizona border town, killing at least 12 people with one person still missing as of Tuesday afternoon, in a community where polygamous sect leader Warren Jeffs was based, authorities said.

Three people survived as the flash flooding washed the vehicles several hundred yards downstream, Hildale assistant fire chief Kevin Barlow said.

The flood "obviously caught these people off guard," Barlow told The Associated Press. "Witnesses say they were backing out of it trying to get away from it and it still swept them in."

One survivor was found downstream at a bank in town. Barlow didn't have information on the others who were rescued.

Barlow said the rescue effort was ongoing through the night but scaled back because of treacherous conditions in the sister towns of Hildale, Utah, and Colorado City, Ariz.

The floods came after heavy rains fell in the canyons just north of the towns, sending waves of water barrelling through the streets. The towns sit at the foot of picturesque red rock cliffs about 315 miles south of Salt Lake City.

The women and children were in an SUV and a van on a gravel road north of the towns, Barlow said. It appears they were coming back from a park in the area when the flash flood hit, he said.

The National Weather Service had issued a flash flood warning earlier in the day, leading nearby Zion National Park to close all slot canyons as a precaution. Barlow said he doesn't know if residents were aware of the warning.

He said the water was well above normal flood stage. "This was several feet deep, at least, and even more treacherous in the narrow channels."

Members of the sect, whose members believe polygamy brings exaltation in heaven, are believed to be discouraged from watching TV, using the Internet or having much contact with the outside world.

More than four years after Jeffs was sentenced to life in prison for sexually assaulting underage girls he considered brides, the community is split between loyalists who still believe Jeffs is a victim of religious persecution and defectors who are embracing government efforts to pull the town into modern society.

The community is a patchwork of upscale, elegant residences surrounded by large walls and unfinished, dilapidated houses that remain just as they were in the early 2000s, when Jeffs ordered that all construction stop in Utah to focus on building his compound in Texas.

The flooding also caused other, less serious problems. Barlow said several blocks of homes are without power and water due to the flooding.
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MARYLAND

Mom indicted in three-year-old's swing death

The facts are hard to fathom: a mother alone with her three-year-old son in a playground in La Plata, Md. for two days straight, pushing him in a swing until he died of dehydration and low body temperature; pushing him even after he died until finally sheriff's deputies came to investigate.

To Vontasha Simms, whose daughter Romechia Simms is now charged with manslaughter, the facts are a clear indication that Romechia Simms was suffering from mental illness so severe that a criminal prosecution is misplaced.

Vontasha Simms said she was "totally flabbergasted" by prosecutors' announcement Monday that they were charging her 24-year-old daughter with child abuse, manslaughter and child neglect.

"No one in their right mind is going to sit out there for two days in the elements," she said, noting that her daughter was exposed to the weather and had no food or water in those two days.

The case had been under investigation since Ji'Aire Donnell Lee was found dead May 22.

State's Attorney Anthony Covington said the delay in obtaining an indictment simply ensured he had gathered all the information he could. A medical examiner ruled the death a homicide back in June. After Monday's arraignment, Covington said he didn't know whether he might revisit the criminal charges if subsequent mental-health evaluations raise questions about Simms' sanity or competency.

Christopher Slobogin, an expert in mental health law, said prosecutors have leeway in deciding whether to bring criminal charges in cases like this. How much Simms' mental illness affects the case depends on how strong the defence's argument is that she is ill, Slobogin said.

"If she's pushing her dead child in a swing, that's pretty good evidence of serious impairment," Slobogin said.
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Torrid taps plus-size gap

CLOTHING

U.S. retailer eyeing Alberta and B.C. after Toronto foray

While some shoppers may struggle to locate garments in a specific style or colour, Ashlie Callender faces an even greater obstacle: finding clothes that will fit her curvy frame.

"Regular stores, they go up to extra-large sometimes, and that's really like a (size) 10 maybe. So if it's a stretchy material, I can get away with it," said the 24-year-old college student.

Callender joined dozens of shoppers who jammed Torrid's new location in Toronto Eaton Centre for the grand opening of its first store outside of the U.S.

Three more Torrid stores are set to open in the Toronto area this fall, joining homegrown plus-size retailers Addition Elle and Penningtons, both under the banner of Montreal-based Reitmans Canada Ltd.

Lisa Harper is CEO of the American women's wear chain, which opened its first location outside the United States in Ontario earlier this month. COURTESY TORRID/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The plus-size brand is already familiar to Canadians, who account for more than half of Torrid's international business online, said CEO Lisa Harper.

The retailer has more than 280 stores across the U.S. and ships to more than 150 countries. Torrid is a full-service apparel and accessories shop offering separates, denim, handbags and footwear.

> **You do have to pay a premium for clothes that are plus-sized.**
> Sandy Silva

Harper said the company expects to open about 10 stores in Canada in 2016, and has been eyeing British Columbia, Calgary and Edmonton as potential expansion sites.

Torrid is seeking to help fill a sizable void in Canadian retail for full-figured consumers.

A 2013 report from the NPD Group found that plus sizes represent 32 per cent of the "special size" clothing category, which also includes tall, petite and junior.

Two-thirds of plus-size women reported shopping for larger clothes was more stressful than shopping for traditional sizes, with limited merchandise cited among the main causes.

"Coming from the wholesale side of the fashion business, you do have to pay a premium for clothes that are either plus-sized or petite," said Sandy Silva, director of fashion and beauty at the NPD Group.

Most national retailers which offer extended sizing have a "fairly basic assortment," she noted.

"They don't really have the wealth or array of fun, fashionable, sexy styles that plus-size women want as well as a regular-size woman."

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HOUSING

Home sales edge up slightly

The boom in Canada's housing market continued in August with sales of existing homes edging up 0.3 per cent month over month and holding at levels not far off the five-year high reached in May, according to the Canadian Real Estate Association.

In its latest survey released Tuesday, CREA says sales of existing homes were little changed from July in all local markets, with an even split between those posting increases and those showing declines.

> **Listings are either in short supply or heading in that direction.**
> Gregory Klump

On a full-year basis, actual sales were up four per cent compared with August 2014 and were 6.6 per cent above the 10-year average for the month.

Prices continued to rise in Ontario and B.C. "where listings are either in short supply or heading in that direction," said CREA chief economist Gregory Klump, who noted that the month also provided "early evidence that modest price growth is re-emerging in some markets in Quebec and New Brunswick."

Klump added that enduring low interest rates continued to boost home sales and were "likely to keep doing so for some time."

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SPACE

Amazon founder unveils rocket plan

Amazon founder Jeff Bezos is shipping his space business to Florida.

At a news conference Tuesday, Bezos announced that his Blue Origin space company will build rockets and launch them into orbit from Cape Canaveral Air Force Base.

He plans to send up science payloads and people — including space tourists and even himself. Bezos says he wants to ride one of his own spacecraft into orbit one day.

He expects the first rocket launch from Florida by the end of the decade.

Blue Origin is already testing its suborbital rockets from a remote part of Texas. The first test flight was in April.

The private company will be taking over a Florida launch complex that was last used in 2005. Blue Origin is based in Kent, Washington.

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IN BRIEF

Hewlett-Packard's spinoff to cut up to 30,000 jobs

Hewlett-Packard says its upcoming spinoff of its technology divisions focused on software, consulting and data analysis will eliminate up to 30,000 jobs. The cuts announced Tuesday will be within the newly formed Hewlett Packard Enterprise, which is splitting from the personal computer and printing operation. HP Enterprises is trimming its payroll as part of an effort to reduce its expenses by $2 billion US annually.

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Debt rising at slower pace, new study finds

Canadians are still adding to household debt, but at a slower pace than earlier in the year, according to a new study from Equifax. Debt rose two per cent in the second quarter after rising 2.7 per cent in the first quarter. Total consumer debt now amounts to $1.568 trillion, with the average debt load, excluding mortgage debt, totalling $21,164. Albertans top the list, with an average of $27,313 per person. Equifax says Canadians are adding to debt to buy new cars.

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Bloody bad news: In warmer weather, Arctic mosquitoes are emerging earlier, growing faster & surviving longer. A predicted 2C mercury rise may boost their numbers by 53%.

metro's election explainer

Who's the new man steering the Tory ship?

Strategist, political consultant, campaign adviser... whatever you call it, the Conservative party has a new one: Lynton Crosby. He's a household name in political households. But what will he bring? And why did the party hire him so late in the game?

The wizard from Australia

In his home country, Crosby led the centre-right Liberal Party to victory in 1998 and 2001. His messaging targeted voters wary about the number of asylum seekers arriving on the country's shores. He's known as a master of "dog-whistle" politics: Using code words to win support from people with disreputable, but commonplace, views, such as anti-immigration sentiments tinged with racism. Later Crosby added wins for Conservative U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron and London, U.K. Mayor Boris Johnson to his CV.

The work ahead

Paid consultants are a relative rarity in Canadian politics, says University of Waterloo political science professor Anna Esselment. Party insiders tend to fill that role, she says, but outside expertise might be called if a campaign seems to be flagging. "I expect (Crosby) is giving a high-level assessment regarding Conservative messages, their target audiences, and how to effectively change the channel to matters that the Conservatives want to talk about," Esselment says.

Fresh blood

Why find a new captain when a campaign's already out to sea? Conservative sources told The Canadian Press that some in the party were frustrated with its slapdash response to the Syrian refugee crisis. Esselment gave three possible reasons for the hire: It could be a warning to opposition that Tories are about to get aggressive, a move to gain credibility from a "legend," or a response to internal strife. (Some former top brass, such as Nigel Wright, have been tarnished by the trial of Senator Mike Duffy).

Turning the tide

Whether changing course mid-campaign will work remains to be seen, Esselment says. "The type of messages Harper delivers, and the negative advertising ... over the next couple of weeks will likely tell us whether Crosby's hand is helping to steer the ship."

The election explainer is dedicated to keeping urban Canadians informed ahead of the Oct. 19 vote. Look for it in this space throughout the campaign. Let us know what needs explaining: readers@metronews.ca

URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE

THE QUESTION

I'm in Toronto for the film festival. I'm hoping to meet some celebrities. Any advice for striking up a conversation?

Dear Ellen,

I'm from Calgary but I'm in Toronto for the Toronto International Film Festival, and I'm hoping to meet some celebrities while I'm here. Do you have any advice about how to meet celebrities, and how to politely strike up a conversation if I do meet a celebrity?

JJ

I well understand the urge to meet celebrities — I used to have it myself. Fifteen years ago, I would have sold my soul for just one hour of being stuck in an elevator with Owen Wilson, figuring that was all I'd need to start up a polite, witty, enchanting conversation that would soon make him realize I was the perfect woman for him — a *real* woman, wholesome and nice, and Canadian, but also creative and interesting, and a refreshing change from the boring, glamorous Hollywood starlets he was probably tired of meeting.

I also had platonic crushes on directors like David O. Russell and Jane Campion, and writers like Dave Eggers or Colm Toibin, where the fantasy was less about romance and more about how we'd mind-meld over scripts and collaborative projects that would lead to international prizes for all of us in between amazing, legendary parties.

But eventually my celebrity obsession was cured, thanks to intensive rehab that took a decade and consisted of interviewing celebrities of all ages and persuasions for various newspapers and magazines. Even though I met some truly nice (Stephen Colbert) and exquisitely polite (Conan O'Brien) celebs along the way, I *don't* want to meet any more: It's too disappointing. They never measure up to the brilliant characters one falls in love with onscreen. Nobody could. Those characters are a construct — of both their skillful making, and of one's own cockeyed projections.

In fact, I now go out of my way to avoid meeting even the celebrities I love, like Rachel McAdams and Mark Ruffalo.

In my fantasies, adorable Rach and I are best friends, while sexy, rumpled, intelligent, kind, manly Mark is my next husband. But in real life, recently, both of them were shooting a scene for the movie Spotlight in my building. And when the location manager invited me to meet them, I declined and stayed away until they cleared out. Partly because I didn't want to be disappointed by their all-too-real selves; partly because I knew the last thing they would want to do during a long day was make polite chitchat with a stranger harbouring delusional thoughts about them.

All of which leads me to say: Go for it if you must. Haunt the red carpets and clubs and restaurants, watch Twitter for celebrity sightings, and feel free to approach any star you can get close to.

Yes, it's a bit forward to foist yourself on someone without being introduced. But remember that part of every celebrity's job at TIFF is to deal with you, the public. And I have no doubt that you, JJ, as a faithful reader of this column, will be polite and respectful in all your encounters.

If and when you meet a star, you may or may not be disappointed. Who knows — you may get stuck in an elevator with him/her/them and end up getting married ... or whatever. In which case, please write back and let us know!

Need advice? Email Ellen
scene@metronews.ca

metroview

Millennials aren't turned off by politics. It's the voting system.

Dan Darrah
For Metro

Youth aren't politically apathetic, says a new study, they're just not voting. For many young Canadian activists, this finding is a breath of fresh air.

A Samara Research report, released last week, looked at 18 political activities other than voting — e.g., volunteering for candidates or causes, giving political speeches, protesting, and discussing politics on social media — and found that Canadians younger than 30 participate in them at higher rates than those older than 30.

This isn't the usual narrative surrounding millennials. It's a welcome acknowledgement of the work of student groups and other youth movements.

Using the voting rate as a measure of youth engagement is like using season-ticket sales as a measure of interest in the NFL. There's a lot more to take into account.

Even among millennials who do vote, voting is often seen as one part of the overall activism package. Our votes serve to elect the government that will most optimally act as an avenue through which we can create change.

Still, the fact remains that we aren't voting as much as other age groups. One reason I've come up with is that we've simply lost faith in our first-past-the-post electoral system.

Let's imagine a prospective voter — call him Ben — who works at Whole Foods and cares deeply about the environment. Ben wants to vote for the Green party because he wants the Green candidate in his urban riding to be elected. But, because he's informed and engaged, he knows the Green candidate won't be elected. And the alternative — to vote "strategically" against his worst-case scenario — isn't likely to get him excited.

We might say to Ben what many say to millennials who have no reason to believe that their preferred candidates will be elected: "That's life, kid." But I'd argue we'd be better served by looking closely at how voting works.

Fair Vote, an organization advocating electoral reform, recorded that of the more than 14 million votes cast in the 2011 election, seven million served to elect no one (like Ben's hypothetical vote for the Greens). That means about 50 per cent of Canadian voters elected 100 per cent of the MPs.

In contrast, Fair Vote found that in New Zealand, which uses a proportional-representation system, 97 per cent of voters elected MPs.

In this context, Samara's research speaks for itself: It's not politics that turns us off — it's our winner-take-all electoral process. And saying youth are apathetic tiptoes around the fact that systemic change is needed. We don't need to be the scapegoats for institutional issues older generations have ignored. We need proof that our votes will be meaningfully represented. When that happens, the youth vote will be a lethal electoral force.

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"Margaret Atwood poured a bottle of beer over Al Purdy's head the very first time they met because he called her an academic. I mean, never a truer word was said. And then he went out and peed on her car tire."
– Brian D. Johnson, journalist and filmmaker, Al Purdy Was Here

More than just bagels

Montreal's abundance of dining options makes trying them all on a short trip a daunting task. Here are a few one-stop spots where you can taste an array of culinary delights KATE HOBSON/FOR METRO

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First Fridays Food Truck Event 1

Every first Friday, May through October, up to 48 food trucks assemble at Olympic Park. Many of the trucks are offshoots of prominent restaurants, serving up specialties catered for takeout.

Stop at Lucky's Truck for La fameuse duck confit poutine, drenched in a rich confit sauce of red wine and foie gras; Grumman '78 for their banh-mi taco, barbecue pork topped with daikon carrot salad and a slightly sweet sauce.

Finish your day at Crémy Pâtisserie with a lemon honey crueller — the tartness of the lemon balances the sweet sugary glaze of this doughnut. **(4545 Avenue Pierre-de Coubertin)**

Mile End Food Tour 2

Local Montreal Tours offers a tasting trek around Mile End, a neighbourhood known for its culinary diversity. The tour starts at La Panthère Verte for a falafel filled with lightly pickled vegetables, sprouts, spices and tahini sauce in a house-made pita. At Chocolats Geneviève Grandbois, all of the goodies are handmade with a serious commitment to the quality of the ingredients. The caramel chocolate is flavoured with a little vanilla and a sprinkle of fleur de sel.The taste adventure includes bagels, fine tomato sauce, cured meats and artisanal ice cream. The Mile High tour is a truly unique food adventure packed with lots of history and background information on each establishment.

Atwater Market 3

No trip to Montreal would be complete without exploring one of the city's farmers' markets. Open since 1933, Atwater Market in the Little Burgundy area is one of the oldest. Open year round, Atwater is home to a variety of vendors offering fresh local produce, meat, cheese, baked goods and specialty products. Grab a selection of cheeses from Fromagerie Atwater, stop by Terrines & Pâtés for some game terrine like caribou blueberry or guinea fowl hazelnut. Pick up some fresh bread and preserves and you'll be all set to enjoy a picnic along the nearby Lachine Canal. **(138 Avenue Atwater)**

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DRINKS

The controversial case of Campari

Peter Rockwell
For Metro Canada

Some liqueurs can be as polarizing as an Instagram post by Kim Kardashian.

Weird and wonderful flavour profiles are par for the course in the liqueur world, with many evolving from centuries-old recipes based on fruits, botanicals and exotic seasonings.

Italy's Campari ($23.99-$27.98) is a perfect example of a beverage that really needs more than one sip before you make up your mind if you like it or not.

Falling into the "bitters" family, Campari was invented in Milan back in 1860 from a secret blend of 60 herbs, spices and neutral spirit.

While its dark red colour looks tasty enough, Campari is a bitter punch to the palate if taken without mix, which is why it's an integral part of classic cocktails like the Negroni and Americano.

I enjoy it most with a simple splash of soda water which tempers the bitterness and, creates an appetite-enhancing mixer that's my go-to pre-dinner drink whether I'm eating Italian or not.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

CELEBRATING NATURAL FOOD

Farms tours, workshops and tastings held for National Organic Week

National Organic Week is a chance for Canadians to learn more about how organic agriculture affects the environment.

The event, billed as the largest celebration of organic food, farming and products across the country, is set for Sept. 19-27. There will be farm and garden tours, workshops and tastings of organic food and drink. Local health food stores will be hosting activities.

Organic food is grown without pesticides, herbicides, hormones or antibiotics.

Canada is the fourth-largest market for organics in the world. The total number of farms in Canada has decreased by 17 per cent since 2001, but organic farms grew by 66.5 per cent, according to the Canada Organic Trade Association.

Clothing as well as personal care and cleaning products are also under the spotlight during National Organic Week, which is organized by the Canadian Health Food Association, Canadian Organic Growers and the Canadian Organic Trade Association. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Modern indulgences

ANNA JONES

'New Nigella' releases latest cookbook

She's worked for Jamie Oliver, been compared to Yotam Ottolenghi and been dubbed "the new Nigella" by the Sunday Times. Anna Jones is quickly becoming the modern vegetarian's go-to cookbook author.

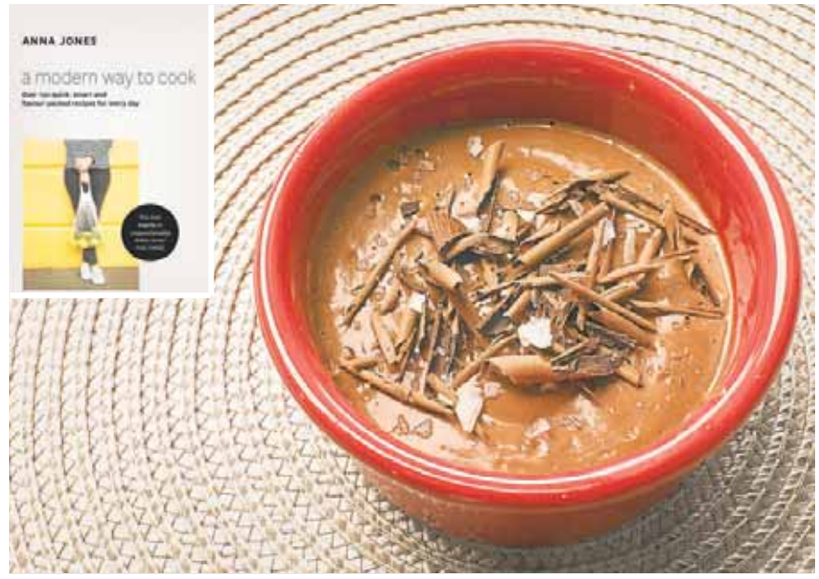
Now she has released A Modern Way to Cook: Over 150 Quick, Smart and Flavour-Packed Recipes For Every Day.

"The more I cook simply — easy pastas, quick hearty salads and all-in-one gratins — the more I realize that food doesn't need to be posh, complicated or made from far-flung ingredients to do us good," she says.

This vegetable-focused book offers more than 150 recipes that can be made any night of the week.

The original chapter titles are rather lyrical: "In the time it takes to set the table," "ready in twenty," "on the table in half an hour," "forty-minute feasts," "investment cooking," "super-fast breakfasts" and "quick puddings and sweet treats." Matt Russell's photos capture the whimsical vibe.

Here's one tasty recipe from the book:



You can cheat and use soft tofu and the Chocolate + Earl Grey Pots will still be great. HANDOUT

> **Food doesn't need to be posh, complicated or made from far-flung ingredients to do us good**
> Anna Jones, A Modern Way to Cook author

Chocolate + Earl Grey Pots
(Makes 4 to 6)

This lovely pudding, adapted from A Modern Way to Cook by Anna Jones, relies on silken tofu instead of milk. I cheated and used soft tofu and it still turned out great.

- 100 mL boiling water
- 1 Earl Grey tea bag
- 300-g (10-oz) package silken tofu, drained
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 100 g dark chocolate, chopped + more for grating
- 5 Tbsp pure maple syrup
- Maldon or other flaky sea salt

In small measuring cup, pour boiling water over tea bag. Let steep as long as you can, at least 10 minutes, before discarding tea bag.

Wrap tofu in clean tea towel. Wring out as much moisture as you can. Place in food processor. Add steeped tea and vanilla. Process on high until smooth.

In medium stainless steel bowl set over pot with several inches gentling simmering water, combine 3.5 oz (100 g) chopped chocolate and maple syrup. Whisk until melted and smooth. Add to tofu mixture. Process on high until smooth.

Spoon pudding mixture into 4 to 6 small ramekins, pots, mugs or bowls. Refrigerate at least 1 hour to firm up a little.

To serve, garnish with coarsely grated chocolate (grated using cheese slicer, vegetable peeler or other grater) and flaky salt. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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TREND

Grandma's cooking now for hire in Paris

Parisians can now have a grandma or grandpa come to their home to cook them comfort food from their youth. YOUTUBE/AFP

Parisians homesick for their grandmother's inimitable ratatouille and Sunday roast chicken can now rent out a substitute stand-in through a recently launched personal chef service that will send a 'mamie' to their kitchen to whip up an old-fashioned home-cooked meal.

After moving to Paris from the south of France, founder Alizé Delbes says she found herself homesick for her grandmother's cooking.

And despite its reputation as the gastronomic capital of the world, Delbes said she was unable to find a restaurant that could evoke the memories and nostalgia of her mamie's veal blanquette and chocolate mousse. That led to Lou Papé, a site created to bring authentic, French dishes into the homes of local Parisians in search of comfort foods from their childhood.

The concept is simple: The host can choose from a selection of chefs and their proposed menu. After sorting out the details — date of dinner party, venue and number of guests — the chef will prep, cook and serve the meal in the host's home.

Cleanup is also included.

If language isn't a big issue, Paris-bound travellers in search of a truly authentic French meal may want to consider booking a 'Beatrice' or 'Jean-Jacques' if staying in a short-term vacation rental with a kitchen. AFP

When in France, nosh like the locals

TRAVEL

Follow these tips for the tastiest trip

Theresa Albert
For Metro Canada

Theresa's raspberry bombe birthday cake from L'Atelier Etoile de Joel Robuchon. THERESA ALBERT/METRO

I spent my birthday in Paris!

For 15 years I have been promising my daughter I would take her to Paris. I spent the last five years saving for it, and three years planning. The city hasn't changed much since my first visit as a teen except that maybe there is more English spoken in the streets — and I have learned more about food.

In particular, I now know where and how to eat. Here are a few tips:

Take a bicycle tour from Bike About Tours (bikeabouttours.com) at the start of your trip. They will take you off the beaten path and at the end of the tour they will email you a list created by the guides (who all live in Paris) of favourite places to eat and drink. Unfortunately they make us swear to not share this list, so you'll have to go yourself to find the best places.

Try to avoid bistros that are on the corner or that say they serve "tout à l'heure" These tend to cater to tourists. The locals still eat between noon and 2 p.m. and 7 and 10 p.m.

Upon arrival order "une carafe d'eau pour la table." Not only will it save you up to 10 bucks for bottled water, it will signal to the server you are not a total touriste.

When you get your bread, it is to be eaten with your hands and placed on the tablecloth. Typically, there is no butter served but they will bring some if you ask.

If you are looking for the prix fixe Michelin star experience without the crazy expense, consider going for lunch. The menu is often similar but the price is half that of dinner. My actual birthday lunch was at l'Atelier Etoile de Joel Robuchon on Champs Élysées.

For 44 euros, I enjoyed four courses — a soup with a smoky clear broth consommé with oyster mushrooms and a plump shrimp and a small quenelle of caviar floating.

Theresa and her daughter enjoying the sights of Paris. THERESA ALBERT/METRO

And for the main course, sweetbreads in a demi-glace, Chanterelle mushrooms and a side of mashed potatoes. I had cheese for dessert, but then was surprised by a raspberry bombe.

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RESEARCH

Ancient Americans used long trade route to get caffeine fix

More than 1,000 years before Starbucks, caffeine was an international market mover, with ancient civilizations trading holly and cacao-based chocolate beverages between what is now modern-day Mexico, the Southwest U.S., and the South, according to a new study.

Led by University of New Mexico anthropology professor Patricia Crown, the study says the trade lasted for around 700 years, likely driven by a pre-Hispanic caffeine addiction.

Previous studies found traces of cacao-based chocolate beverages in parts of the Southwest but this new study confirms their popularity and adds the holly drink that before the study was not known to be consumed in the Southwest, Crown said.

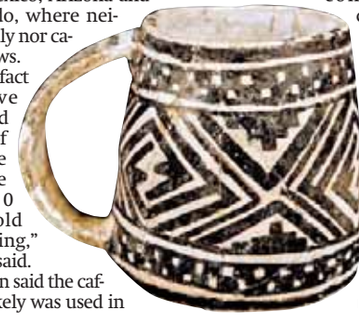
Holly, which was used to make a caffeinated tea, was grown in what is now the South.

Researchers found caffeine on shards from jars, bowls, and pitchers located at archaeological sites throughout present-day New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado, where neither holly nor cacao grows.

"The fact we have found traces of caffeine that are 1,000 years old is exciting," Crown said.

Crown said the caffeine likely was used in rituals and political events. Scientists believe the drinks were largely consumed by the elite or a noble class because the plant for the drinks had to go through an intricate trade route.

"For people who had a diet consisting of corn, bean and squash, the drinks provided a kick," Crown said.



The study is published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"It's like world war three, right?"

Shia Laboeuf

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TIFF

Actor has thoughts about world, his co-stars

Actor Shia LaBeouf expressed a bleak outlook on the future at the Toronto International Film Festival.

At a press conference for the post-apocalyptic war thriller Man Down, LaBeouf was asked by a reporter for his thoughts on the future of our world.

"We're in a tough spot. The world is in a tough spot," he replied. "It's like world war three, right?

"You're in the middle of something really wild going on right now — more so than ever, in my life, I think."

The question was also posed to co-star Kate Mara, who simply replied: "I hope that the future of our world is not as pictured in this picture.

"Man, I don't know, I'm just an actor."

Man Down stars LaBeouf as a former marine named Gabriel who's dogged by memories of the battlefield as he searches for the whereabouts of his son.

Jai Courtney plays his best friend and fellow soldier alongside Mara as his wife and Gary Oldman as a military psychiatrist.

LaBeouf said, as an actor, Oldman "is very intimidating," and such a dynamic worked during their scenes together.

But off camera they bonded.

"He's like this father figure for me. It's more than just an actor. He's a really tender, sweet man — and that's not to naysay the hard Gary because there's a hard Gary, too," said the former Transformers star.

"But he's not hard with me. He's really sweet with me and always has been. So I look up to him, but he's not shy about throwing love around, you know. He's in my corner. It feels like that. It's not just some actor-actor relationship thing."

Dito Montiel directed the screenplay by Adam G. Simon, who said he was living on the streets when he first started writing the story.

"In fact, there's a letter that Gabriel writes to his son Jonathan in the film, was a letter that I wrote to my son in a parking garage where I slept, where I stayed the night.

"So I wrote that and a few other scripts and was just trying to hustle for about six to eight months."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

RUMOURS

Olsen denies dating Hiddleston

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Toronto

All right, everybody, move along. Nothing to see here with this whole Elizabeth Olsen dating Tom Hiddleston thing.

They've been weathering speculation about just how close they are all summer, and the film in which they play husband and wife — I Saw the Light — just debuted at the Toronto International Film Festival, so they've been posing for a lot of photos.

But no less reliable a source than Olsen herself says that there is no hanky-panky going down.

"I mean, we definitely are friends and we've known each other for about four years. We happened to be at a restaurant at a wrong time having dinner. We all go out to dinner," she tells Refinery29.

"Well, apparently I'm dating Chris Evans and apparently I've dated Jeremy Renner ... I don't react to it."

And when asked very directly if she's dating Hiddleston?

"No," she offers flatly.

"I mean, people can think what they want to think." So that settles that, right?

That is, assuming we believe her.

DIGITAL

Kim wants to break the Internet

Look out, Internet, because there's a new celebrity website telling you how to live your best life on the scene.

"So proud to announce KimKardashianWest.com is now live! I've worked for over a year on creating so much original content for you guys!" Kim Kardashian West wrote in an Instagram post.

Upon arriving at the site, it's not immediately clear what the purpose of it is. One is immediately greeted by a smizing Kardashian in black and white, and a simple "K" logo. A menu offers options like Beauty, Style and Obsessed, because sure.

The app store's description of the Kim Kardashian West app provides a bit more clarity: "The Kim Kardashian West Official App gives Kim's audience unprecedented and exclusive personal access to her life. Through the app, Kim shares original and curated content, interactive experiences, live streaming, access to offline events, tutorials and much more."

At a special introductory subscription rate of $2.99 a month, West's website could be a bargain for fans — if it lives up to the promise of original content and "exclusive access to her life."

But then her whole career is exclusive access to her life, so who knows.

MATT LEE/ METRO

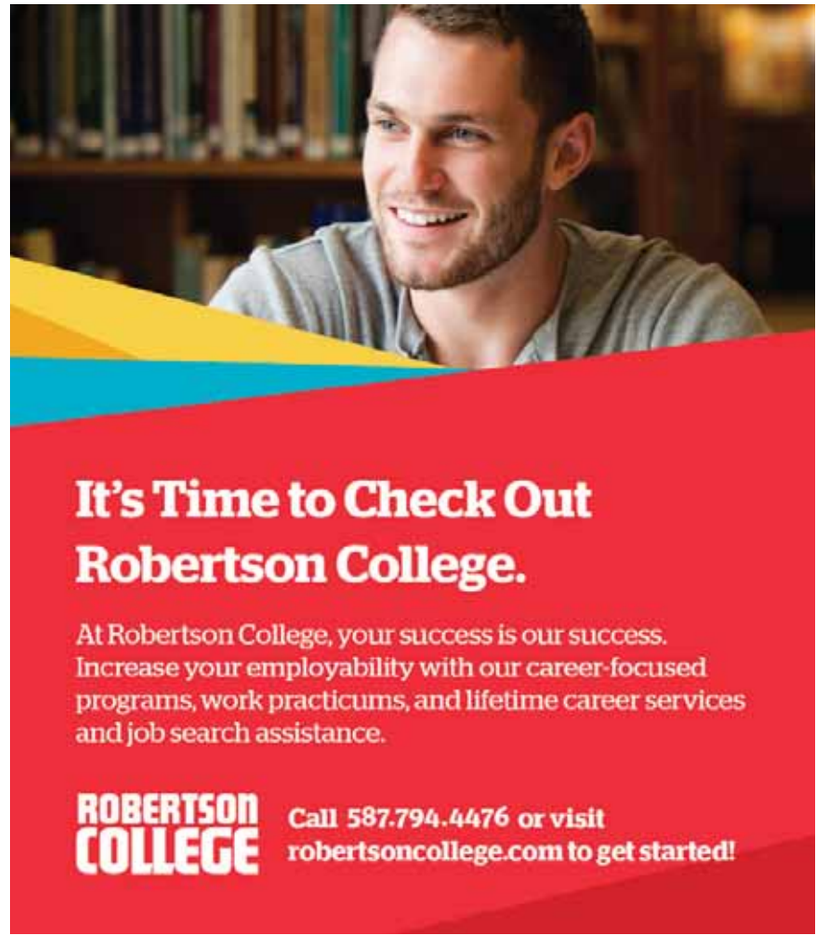
GOSSIP BRIEFS

Wedding favours do no favours

Jerry Casale of '80s nerd-pop super-group Devo, got married Friday — you know, 9/11 — which led to unfortunate reception concept choices.

Casale explains to Billboard that he and his now-wife, Krista Napp, chose the date for logistical reasons, but when a friend questioned the choice, he joked that he and Napp represent "the Twin Towers of love." Which he admits was a pretty bad joke. But the friend took the idea and ran with it, setting up a reception featuring a Twin Towers-shaped cake and box cutters as party favours.

"He thought it was some sort of transgressive sick humour, and the problem is, it's not funny," says Casale, who came back from his weekend honeymoon to discover someone had sold photos of the event to TMZ. Yikes. NED EHRBAR/METRO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Fiat's throwback is a thrill

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REVIEW

500 Abarth offers 6-speed automatic for the first time

Jil McIntosh
For Metro Canada

Retro-styled cars are fun, and it's even better when they have the performance to match. That's the case when you opt for the Abarth version of Fiat's 500, especially when it's the 500C Cabrio that I tested, which gives you a sliding canvas roof for an almost-a-convertible experience.

While the Abarth previously only came with a five-speed manual transmission, the 2015 version is also available for the first time with a six-speed automatic. Die-hard stick-shift fans may resent its inclusion, but it's a really nice unit that doesn't take anything away from the car's fun factor. Power changes slightly depending on the transmission: you get a bit more horsepower with the manual unit, but more torque — the twisting force that gets you moving off the line — with the automatic. Hit the throttle, and the 500 Abarth is quick and peppy in its response.

> **Hit the throttle, and the 500 Abarth is quick and peppy in its response.**

The steering is sports-car heavy, but the car responds quickly and accurately. My car had optional gloss-white wheels with Pirelli P-Zero summer tires, and they stick like glue when cornering. Despite its diminutive size, the car feels firmly planted on the highway, although a tighter turning circle would make it a bit easier to manoeuvre in close quarters.

The retro styling continues inside with a metal-look painted dash and chrome accents. It's very roomy up front, but while there is a rear seat, there's almost no legroom back there, and it's best for small children or adults willing to fold themselves up for a short ride.

The sliding roof moves electrically to three positions, starting with a sunroof-sized opening and finally folded down at the very back. A portion of the steel roof remains in place, since the canvas is a panel that slides inside it, and the car feels tight and rigid, with no squeaks. It also didn't leak when I took it through a car wash.

The 500C Abarth is pricey for its size, but compared to the base Fiat, you're paying for a sportier suspension, bigger brakes, and sharp handling. It looks like it's fun, and it is.

THE CHECKLIST | 2015 FIAT 500C ABARTH

THE BASICS

Type. Two-door, four-passenger subcompact convertible
Engine (hp/torque). 1.4-litre turbocharged four-cylinder (160/170 with manual; 160/183 with automatic)
Transmissions. 5-speed manual/6-speed automatic
Price. $29,495 (base); $33,550 (as-tested), plus destination

COOL FEATURES

- Alpine premium audio
- High-back sport seats with optional leather
- Aluminum pedals
- Flat-bottom steering wheel with perforated leather and contrasting stitching
- Rear parking assist
- Available side stripe and contrasting mirror caps
- Dual exhaust with chrome tips

JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

POINTS

- The Abarth uses the same engine as the 500 Turbo, but is tuned for more power, along with its Abarth-specific suspension and brakes.
- Hitting the "Sport" button adjusts the automatic's shift points and adds rev-matching, and also changes the digital speedometer's number to italics.
- The sport exhaust adds a unique sound that's fabulous on acceleration, but it can drone at consistent speeds.
- Premium fuel gives better performance, but the engine will run on regular.

MARKET POSITION

While enthusiasts prefer stick shifts, most buyers choose automatics. By offering both, Fiat could potentially open up this relatively low-volume model to a larger audience, especially since overall performance doesn't suffer.

THE COMPETITION

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In the loop (the loop) at Frankfurt

AUTOPILOT

Bentley gets sporty, Jaguar defies gravity at auto show

Mike Goetz
For Metro Canada

Off-roading Bentley

Bentley just introduced its first SUV this week at the Frankfurt auto show, and not a moment too soon.

Like a lot of people, I have been lamenting for years on why someone didn't offer a vehicle costing more than $200,000 that could get up a dirt hill. Why were we stuck with just affordable options, like 4x4 pickups, Jeeps and other mainstream SUVs, for our dirt-hilling activities?

It just wasn't fair. Why did it always have to be so affordable to have a little bit of off-road fun? What if you needed to make a Kardashian impression on the way up that dirt hill, or at the top? The auto industry put a group of very privileged people in a very tough spot with their behaviour over the years. Think of how challenged were those buyers, trying to option their Range Rovers or Mercedes-Benz G Wagons into a price level more akin to their perceived net worth.

So thank you Bentley, for recognizing the injustice here, and coming to the rescue of this long-suffering group of buyers, by unveiling this ultra high-end sport utility, which for some reason you're calling Bentayga (rolls off the tongue, like bad caviar).

For those interested, some pertinent info ... 600-hp, 12-cylinder engine. All-wheel drive. Very sumptuous five-seat cabin. Volkswagen owns Bentley; the Bentayga is built off of the group's MLV Evo platform currently utilized for Audi Q7 and Porsche Cayenne. Bentayga's main rival should be the forthcoming SUV from Rolls-Royce.

Loopy Jaguar

Jaguar also introduced its first SUV at Frankfurt, and did so in super dramatic fashion. British stunt driver Terry Grant drove a Jaguar F-Pace in a 19.08-metre loop, similar to a Hot Wheels loop, only much bigger. The stunt set a Guinness World Record for largest ever "loop the loop."

Jaguar F-Pace will be considerably more affordable than the Bentley Bentayga. No Canadian prices yet, but $43,385 US will be its base price south of the border. F-Pace is rendered from the same all-aluminum architecture as the new Jaguar XE midsize sedan, which should get here before the F-Pace.

Magic carpet Honda

Any auto show these days is sure to be filled with more self-driving technologies and Frankfurt will not be an exception, so you know Honda was saying something by creating the Project 2&4 concept and showing it off in Germany at this juncture in the automotive history timeline.

Project 2&4 is a weird and wonderful antidote to the self-driving movement.

It's actually half car/half motorcycle, designed to combine the most engaging driving elements of both forms. It has no "cabin" at all, just a driver's cockpit suspended over the road, to grab as much driving intensity as possible. The mid-ship mounted 215-hp V4 motorcycle engine assures a low, low centre of gravity and an outrageous power-to-weight ratio.

Project 2&4 is actually the winning entry of Honda's annual in-house Global Design Project contest, which is designed to inspire creativity, and get team members engaged and passionate about a single project, to further the concept of Team Honda. Well done, Team Honda.

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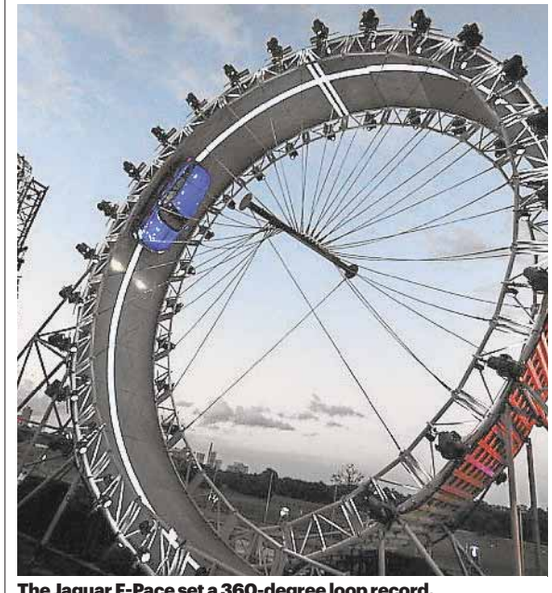

The Jaguar F-Pace set a 360-degree loop record. JAGUAR VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Honda's Project 2&4 concept. CONTRIBUTED

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3 MAJOR THEMES AT THE FRANKFURT AUTO SHOW

A rise in demand for cars in the U.S. and Europe is lifting automakers' spirits as they prepare to open the Frankfurt International Motor Show to the general public on Saturday. The 66th edition runs through Sept. 27. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Apple's CarPlay. APPLE INC.

1 New tech

Carmakers are preparing to fend off tech companies like Google and Apple from dominating the market for services to Internet-connected cars. Those new businesses could include real-time navigation that automatically plots routes around slippery conditions, or it could be a parking place finder. The question is who will build the systems and reap the profits — and how? Analysts say carmakers may have to band together to come up with common platforms and shared systems.

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Marshawn Lynch's mom called for Seattle to fire offensive co-ordinator Darrell Bevell on Facebook

Poirier not Joshin' around

NHL

Jooris' story an inspiration for rookie tourney standout

Emile Poirier wants to be this season's Josh Jooris.

Flying under the radar with big-name prospects like Johnny Gaudreau and Sam Bennett getting most of the attention, Jooris impressed for the Calgary Flames at the 2014 edition of the Young Stars rookie tournament before doing the same at training camp to eventually earn a forward spot on the NHL roster.

"He was amazing. He works really hard," Poirier said of Jooris. "He deserved it. When you see that it encourages you to work hard like him."

The six-foot-two, 200-pound Poirier took part in this year's Young Stars tournament, which also included rookies from the Edmonton Oilers, Vancouver Canucks and Winnipeg Jets. He missed the previous event and Flames training camp last year following shoulder surgery.

Back healthy after a solid second half to 2014-15 campaign, Poirier is eager to show what he can do when the Flames open their main camp later this week.

"I'm way more mature and I know what's going on with one year of experience," said the 20-year-old from Montreal, who plays with a distinct edge to his game. "I know what to do, I know what my job is. I know the organization very well. I'm more ready this year."

The 22nd overall pick at the 2013 draft, Poirier had 19 goals and 23 assists in 55 games for Calgary's AHL affiliate last season after returning from his injury.

The left-winger, who played three years in the QMJHL for the Gatineau Olympiques, was also recalled by the Flames on a couple of occasions. He picked up one assist in six games.

"Over the course of the year Emile became one of the guys who would show up at the rink first," said Ryan Huska, who coaches the Stockton Heat of the AHL and was behind the Flames' bench in Penticton.

> **"I'll do anything possible to get in.**
> Flames hopeful Emile Poirier

"He's starting to understand that he has to play back into our own zone the same way he goes the other way. Now it's just a matter of him applying it consistently."

The Flames could have a few spots open at forward either this season or next, with veterans Jiri Hudler and David Jones set to become unrestricted free agents in July. Or Poirier could earn an NHL job on his own like Jooris did just 12 months ago.

"I think I'm battling for a spot on the roster," said Poirier. "I'll do anything possible to get in.

"You see all the guys that were here (at the rookie tournament) last year. You want to do the same thing." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Emile Poirier had 19 goals and 23 assists in 55 AHL games last season. JEFF BASSETT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Gagne's playing days over

Simon Gagne announced his retirement Tuesday after playing 14 NHL seasons, winning the Stanley Cup with the Los Angeles Kings and capturing a gold medal with Canada at the 2002 Olympics.

Gagne, whose time in the league was plagued by injuries, still put up 291 goals and 310 assists in 822 career regular-season games for the Philadelphia Flyers, Kings, Tampa Bay Lightning and Boston Bruins.

The left-winger was a major contributor to the Flyers' run to the 2010 Cup final, scoring two game-winning goals as Philadelphia erased a 3-0 series deficit to beat the Bruins.

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Adidas replaces Reebok as NHL's jersey supplier

Adidas will take over production of NHL uniforms beginning in the 2017-'18 season, and it's unclear just how many changes will come as a result. The NHL announced a seven-year deal with Adidas to be its on-ice uniform supplier and also to serve as outfitter for next year's World Cup of Hockey. Commissioner Gary Bettman shot down speculation about the announcement opening the door for advertisements on jerseys and said he didn't think they would go through a major redesign.

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Blue Jays wilt in Hotlanta

MLB

Braves snap home losing streak in walk-off style

Andrelton Simmons' tiebreaking RBI single in the ninth inning snapped a 12-game home losing streak and the Atlanta Braves beat the AL East-leading Toronto Blue Jays 3-2 on Tuesday night.

Toronto retained a three-game lead over the New York Yankees, who lost 6-3 to the Tampa Bay Rays.

The Blue Jays, despite the majors' best record since the all-star break, have lost two straight.

TUESDAY In Atlanta

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BRAVES	BLUE JAYS

The Braves ended the longest home skid in franchise history. They began the game 14-46 overall since July 8.

Aaron Sanchez (7-6) took the loss, allowing four hits, one run and striking out one in 1-1/3 innings.

Arodys Vizcaino (3-1) faced the minimum in the ninth to earn the win.

Blue Jays sluggers Josh Donaldson and Jose Bautista went a combined 0-for-8 with four strikeouts. First baseman Edwin Encarnacion, Toronto's other big bat, missed his second straight game with an injured finger.

Justin Smoak drew a leadoff walk in the second inning and Toronto took the lead on Cliff Pennington's RBI single.

Atlanta went up 2-1 in the bottom of the inning when Simmons grounded out and Freddie Freeman reached on first baseman Smoak's fielding error.

Mark Buehrle struck out two and gave up six hits, one walk and two runs — one earned — in five innings. The left-hander threw just 66 pitches after getting a cortisone shot in his throwing shoulder Sept. 8.

Julio Teheran allowed five hits, two runs, four walks and struck out seven in 5-2/3 innings. He threw 113 pitches.

Andrelton Simmons of the Braves is doused after hitting a walk-off single against the Blue Jays on Tuesday night in Atlanta.
KEVIN C. COX/GETTY IMAGES

PUSHED TO THE 'PEN

Manager John Gibbons has moved RHP Drew Hutchison to the bullpen as RHP Marcus Stroman moves into the five-man rotation. Hutchison is 13-4 but has a 5.33 ERA in 27 starts. Stroman returned from a season-long knee injury to win Saturday at Yankee Stadium

Smoak's 16th homer, a solo shot to start the sixth, made it 2-all.

Brett Cecil pitched a perfect sixth for Toronto, his 25th consecutive scoreless inning, most by an AL reliever this year.

Lefty David Price (15-5) will make his ninth start for Toronto on Wednesday. He is 6-1 with a 2.28 ERA since joining the Blue Jays following a trade with the Detroit Tigers.

Price ranks second in the AL with a 2.46 ERA and is second with 201-1/3 innings pitched.

Opposing Price will be Shelby Miller (5-14), who will try to win for the first time in 22 starts — the longest career streak for a pitcher making an all-star team in the same season. Miller, whose 2.86 ERA ranks sixth in the NL, has received by far the worst run support in the majors with less than 2.4 runs per start.

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IN BRIEF

France, Spain to meet in Eurobasket semifinal

Tony Parker scored 18 points to pace defending champion France to an 84-70 victory over Latvia and set up a showdown with Spain in the semifinals of the European basketball championship.

Pau Gasol scored 27 points and Nikola Mirotic added 18 to book Spain's place in the semifinals with a 73-71 victory over Greece.

France took the title away from Spain two years ago in Slovenia when it beat the Spaniards in the semis before defeating Lithuania in the final.

Spain has never finished lower than fourth in the past eight Eurobasket tournaments and won the title in 2009 and 2011, before finishing third in 2013.

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Kosovo moves toward UEFA membership

Kosovo can take a step closer to joining UEFA this week, a move that could lead to a place in 2018 World Cup qualifying.

Membership of Europe's football governing body will allow the former Serbian enclave's national team and clubs to start playing in continental competitions.

That is the first step required before gaining FIFA membership, part of Kosovo's wider push for international recognition since defying Serbia by declaring independence in 2008.

UEFA's executive committee can rule the Balkan republic eligible to apply when it opens a session on Thursday in Malta.

Full membership can only be granted by UEFA's annual congress, which meets in March in Budapest, Hungary.

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Man United suffers bad break

Manchester United squandered a lead to lose 2-1 at PSV Eindhoven and had left back Luke Shaw carried off with a broken right leg on an unhappy return to the Champions League on Tuesday.

Shaw required oxygen while he was taken off on a stretcher after being hurt by a two-footed tackle from Hector Moreno in PSV's area in the 15th minute. Images showed Shaw's right foot was bent at a 45-degree angle and United said after the match that Shaw "suffered a double fracture of the leg."

"It is awful," United manager Louis van Gaal said. "When he came into the dressing room, he had an oxygen mask and was crying."

> **When I say it's a penalty and a red card, I'm a bad loser. It was a bad tackle with two legs.**
> Manchester United manager Louis van Gaal

Memphis Depay, signed from PSV this summer, gave United the lead in the 41st minute of the Group B match by dribbling between two defenders and shooting through the goalkeeper's legs.

Moreno equalized in the lengthy period of first-half stoppage time — caused by his challenge on Shaw — with a header that deflected in off United defender Daley Blind. Luciano Narsingh's 57th-minute goal secured victory for the Dutch champions, who are the top seeds in the group.

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RECIPE Thai Chicken and Sugar Snap Pea Stir-Fry

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Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 12 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
Sauce
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar
- 2 Tbsp light soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp grated ginger root
- 1 Tbsp chopped garlic
- 2 tsp sesame oil

- 8 boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 2 Tbsp cornstarch
- 2 tsp oil
- 2 cups sugar snap peas, sliced in half
- 2 tsp black and white sesame seeds

Directions
1. Sauce: Combine sugar, vinegar, soy sauce, ginger, garlic and sesame oil. Set aside.
2. Dust chicken with cornstarch. In a large skillet, add oil and sauté chicken just until cooked through to about 160 F for about 10 minutes. Cut into one-inch pieces.
3. Wipe out skillet, spray with vegetable oil and sauté snap peas just until bright green and still crisp about two minutes. Add dressing and chicken and stir fry just until sauce slightly thickens. Place in serving dish and garnish with sesame seeds.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 320
- Protein 32 g
- Carbohydrates 27 g
- Fibre 4 g
- Total fat 9 g
- Saturated fat 2 g
- Cholesterol 115 mg
- Sodium 570 mg

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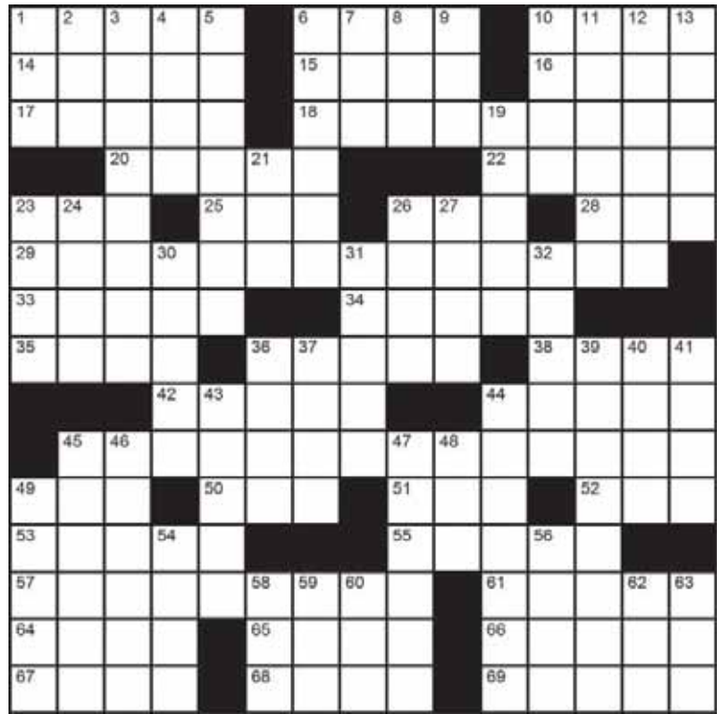

ACROSS
1. The real deal
6. Macklemore & __ Lewis
10. Marianas island
14. Sidestep
15. Roof's overhang
16. Formerly
17. R.U.R. playwright Mr. Capek
18. Star Wars furry fellow
20. Major airline in The States
22. Embellish
23. Chill
25. 'Garlic' in Gaspe
26. Fall from grace
28. Away
29. Romantic setting for two in a quaint restaurant: 2 wds.
33. Bay window
34. __ prosequi (Not proceeding, in law)
35. Sort of tide
36. Transferred image, such as a non-permanent tattoo
38. Alphabet sequence
42. City of canals in Japan
44. Three member groups
45. After supper chore: 2 wds.
49. Jack, to Ozzy
50. Previous
51. Nonverbally agree
52. Names like Larry's character on "Dallas"
53. Industrial city in Germany
55. Sporty clothing fabric
57. To that matter, archaically
61. Oars-wielding one
64. The Yukon, e.g.
65. Dracula's one-of-two
66. Arm bones
67. Bits of food
68. Aware/privy: 2 wds.
69. Orange flavourings

DOWN
1. Currency in Albania
2. Little __ ('60s songstress)
3. Evergreen shrub with large white blossoms
4. Notion, in Montreal
5. __-__ book (Revealing celebrity read)
6. Remember
7. Derisive shout!
8. Portage in Winnipeg, e.g.
9. Hot off the press
10. Prod
11. Not hip
12. Grow, as bank interest
13. Intended
19. Commonplace
21. Affiliation
23. Desktop symbol
24. Attention
26. Ancient portico
27. "__ cost you!"
30. Terminus
31. Machu Picchu inhabitant
32. Oft-quoted baseball legend Yogi
36. Willy Wonka's creator Roald
37. Laboriously got by
39. Nickname for Newfoundland's capital that has a unique spelling: 2 wds.
40. Roadie's gig
41. Mail org. in The States
43. Elegant biscuit
44. 2016 U.S. Presidential candidate born in Canada in 1970: 2 wds.
45. __ salt (Seasoning sort)
46. Shopping sales magazine added to a newspaper
47. Iconic train symbol created by Toronto-born graphic designer Allan Fleming (b.1929 - d.1977): acr. + wd.
48. Moviedom's Myrna
49. Brief but heated squabble
54. Goes astray
56. Character's function
58. Spaceship sort, shortly
59. Grandma
60. Mtn. blaster
62. Dine
63. Web feed syst. for updates

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Your ideas may be amazing but unless you find practical ways of applying them to your everyday affairs they won't do you much good. All you need is one simple idea that can be consistently applied — then you'll find fame and fortune.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Something you begin over the next few days could change your life in remarkable ways, so stop dithering and start living the dream.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Not everything will go the way you want but things that work out right will far outnumber those that don't. A dispute can now easily be resolved — if you are willing to say sorry first.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Because recent months have been hectic for you there were a number of things you wanted to do but never quite got round to. Now you can begin to move in a more agreeable direction. Focus only on what brings a smile to your face.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
The successes and triumphs of late could still easily be reversed, so don't start thinking you no longer need to make an effort. Don't slow down just before the final chapter.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Before the Sun leaves your sign on the 23rd there will be one or two more surprises. Make the most of your opportunities.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Get your head around what you need to change to make your life more complete. Be practical — don't let idle daydreams lead you astray.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Are you delighted with what you have achieved? Or are you saddened because you wasted so many opportunities? Either way, do not get worked up about it. You will always get another chance.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The way you react to problems is important today. If you criticize others too harshly then you must expect to make yourself unpopular — and most likely make matters worse. Strive to see the good in everyone.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Open your eyes to new possibilities. Too often in the past you have been content to let life come to you, but now you must push yourself forward at every opportunity. Success comes to those who dare.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Over the next few days you should take any and every opportunity to rest, recuperate and recharge. When the Sun changes signs on the 23rd it will be all go again so save yourself for then.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Your brain will be buzzing with big ideas. But are they practical ideas? For best results you should limit yourself to one or two objectives.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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